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YUGOSLAV REBUFF TO NAZIS

Negotiations Drag On

The Yugoslav-German negotiations are dragging on, with the Nazis still reluctant to agree to the Yugoslav proposal for a non-aggression pact based on absolute neutrality, coupled with recognition of the complete integrity of Yugoslav territory and interests.

Further evidence of the firm desire of Yugoslavia to maintain absolute neutrality is contained in a leading article in the independent Belgrade newspaper "Politika," one of Belgrade's principal dailies.

After emphasising that strict neutrality is Yugoslavia's policy, the newspaper stresses that nobody hitherto has threatened the country but that Yugoslavia would resist an attack from any quarter.

"Tricks Or Pressure"

Yugoslavs would reject all attempts to turn them from the path they were following to-day and would refuse to submit "to any policy of tricks or pressure which would humiliate them in their own eyes."

In the event of such an attempt being made the nation, despite its desire for peace, would defend its freedom and independence. — Reuter.

MINE EXPLOSION DAMAGE

Several houses were damaged, walls being cracked and windows shattered, in Shap Lung Village, about a mile and a half south-west of Silver Mine Bay (Lantau Island), last Wednesday night when a mine exploded on the beach.

There were, however, no casualties.

According to a belated police report, two mines drifted from their moorings towards Lantau

U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

Two United States cruisers and four destroyers will arrive at Auckland (New Zealand) to-day in the course of a training cruise.

Announcing this in Wellington yesterday, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, said the warships will leave again on Thursday. — Reuter.

Greeks Rescue RAF Pilot

A battle between Greeks and Italians, with a British airman as prize, is described in the Greek newspaper "Eleftheron" quoted on Athens radio last night.

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THE AIRMAN BLED OUT AND LANDED SAFELY NEAR THE ITALIAN LINES. THE ITALIANS PREPARED TO TAKE HIM PRISONER BUT A BAND OF GREEKS SPRANG FROM THEIR POSITIONS AND ENGAGED THE ENEMY.

A hand-to-hand battle ensued which ended with the defeat of the Italians. The British airman was taken back in triumph to the Greek line, where his rescue was suitably celebrated. — Reuter.

Island at 8 p.m. on Wednesday. One of the mines struck rocks off Shap Lung Village and exploded.

The other mine, it is understood, has been rendered useless by a naval patrol.

"LICKING THEIR wounds" after their unsuccessful seven-day offensive on the central battlefield in Albania, the Italians refrained from any major attacks yesterday, said an Athens official spokesman.

The Italians appear to be busy attending to their wounded and, according to prisoners, are making lying attempts to mask the extent of their debacle, added the spokesman.

He described the Italian High Command as enraged at the failure of their offensive despite the employment of 120,000 men.

The spokesman said the loss of Italian effectives engaged was often as high as 40 per cent. — Reuter.

BRITAIN SELLING UP IN U.S.

The British holding in the American Viscose Corporation, a subsidiary of Courtauld's Ltd., and the largest producer of rayon in the United States, has been sold on behalf of the British Government to a group of American investment and banking firms.

The transfer of what was probably Britain's most valuable single holding in the United States, as part of the programme to raise dollar exchange, was announced in New York yesterday by a British Treasury expert.

TOTAL PRICE CANNOT YET BE STATED BUT THE CONTRACT REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$40,000,000 ON ACCOUNT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN \$80,000,000 AND \$100,000,000 WILL BE REALISED. — REUTER.

MISSING 'PLANE REPORTED SAFE

It is now known that an aircraft previously reported missing from last Saturday night's operations by the Bomber Command has landed safely away from its base, says Reuter from London.

NAZI FIRE BLITZ

German raiders dropped many hundreds of incendiary bombs on a West of England town last evening but few fires resulted.

High explosive bombs were also used.

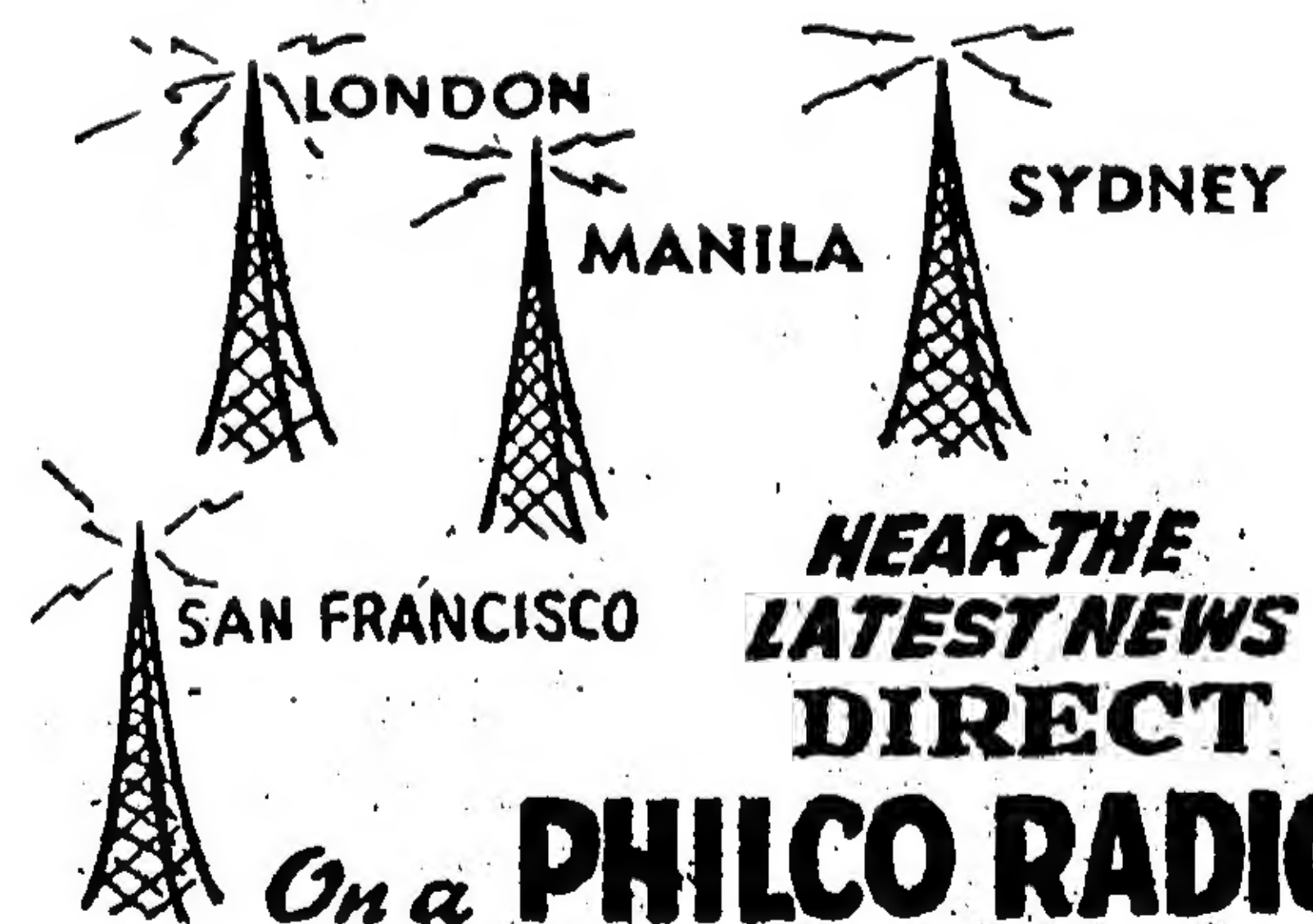
London had a brief alert during the evening but so far no incidents have been reported.

The Air Ministry announce that there is nothing to report concerning the daylight hours yesterday. — Reuter.

COLONEL DONOVAN IN LISBON

BEFORE COLONEL WILLIAM DONOVAN, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO EUROPE, LEFT FOR HOME BY THE CLIPPER ON SATURDAY, HE HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH SIR SAMUEL HOARE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, WHO CAME TO LISBON A DAY OR TWO PREVIOUSLY BY CAR FROM MADRID.

It is understood they discussed the question of supplies to Spain, Portugal, and unoccupied France. Col. Donovan also conferred with Dr. Salazar, the Portuguese Premier. — Reuter.



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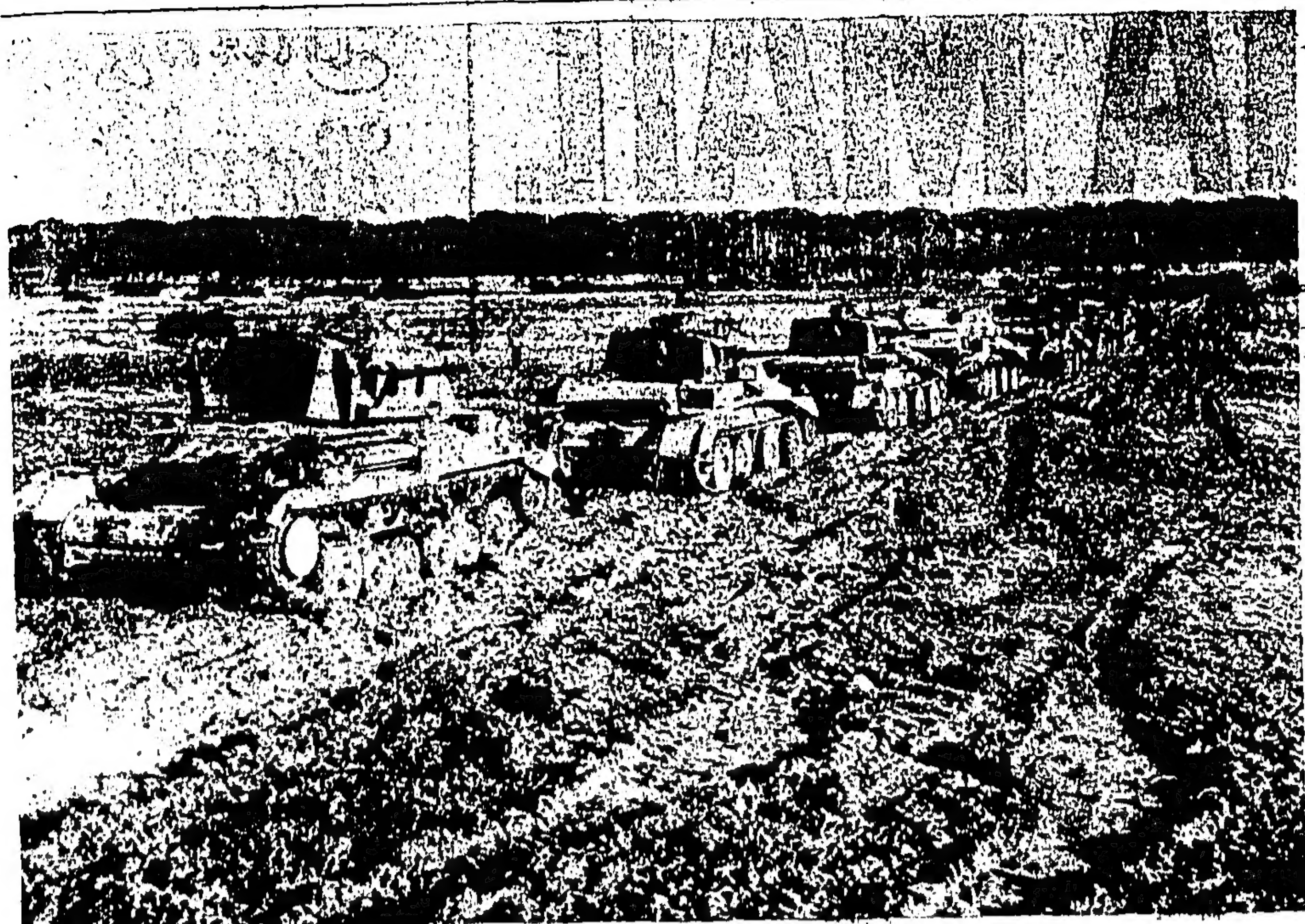
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SOMALILAND TRIUMPH

Italian Commander Taken Off His Balance



The part played by our armoured fighting vehicles in the victory in the Middle East is a great incentive to men of the Royal Armoured Corps, who are training at home to do their bit for final victory. Thousands of men are being trained to man the huge numbers of tanks and other armoured vehicles now being delivered to the Army. Taken at a Tank Training School in the Southern Command, photo shows cruiser tanks firing a broadside as they proceed in line ahead.

MAYOR ACCUSED OF THREATS

The Mayor of Southend, Ald. William Miles, Cliff Road, Leigh, was summoned by a member of the Southend Council, Mr. Alexander Mackintosh, The Crescent, Loughton, at Southend for threatening him in the council chamber. The summons was dismissed without the defence being called upon.

Councillor Mackintosh stated in evidence that the Mayor said he deserved a thrashing, and if he continued his attitude the thrashing would no doubt be given, or word, to that effect. The Mayor quoted a letter from his son in which he said that "if the other members of the Council had any guts they would shout that man down."

"I took these threats very seriously," said Mr. Mackintosh, "as they were backed up by his son, and to protect myself and be an example to others I took out the summons."

He added that the Mayor called him a disreputable and wretched man. He asked for an apology, and the Mayor wrote three weeks later denying that he used the words or that he had made any

EIRE'S BID FOR ARMS FROM AMERICA

Mr. Frank Aiken, Eire Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, left Lisbon on Saturday by Clipper for the United States to study the possibility of buying American arms and supplies, says a Lisbon despatch to the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

reflection on his character or integrity.

Cross-examined by Mr. W. F. Bestley, Mr. Mackintosh denied that he had brought the matter to court for the Mayor to apologise for a statement which he denied uttering, but because the Mayor threatened to thrash him. He could put up with a thrashing but he objected to being called a wretched and disreputable man.

The summons was dismissed and the Mayor was allowed £5 5s costs.

NEW CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR ARM

Rear-Admiral Lyster, who commanded the aircraft-carriers from which the Fleet Air Arm bombed Italian warships at Taranto, has been appointed Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of the Naval Air Services.

He succeeds Vice-Admiral Sir Guy C. C. Royle.

Promoted to flag rank a month before the outbreak of the present war, 53-year-old Rear-Admiral Lyster was mentioned in despatches at Narvik.

Vice-Admiral Royle, whom he succeeds, became Chief of the Naval Air Services in 1930. It was the first important appointment made by Mr. Churchill after becoming First Lord. At 56, Vice-Admiral Royle is now being lent to the Government of Australia for duty as first naval member of the Commonwealth Naval Board. — Reuter.

STAGGERED BY POWER OF MOBILE UNITS

THE RAPIDITY AND suddenness of the British and Imperial advance, upsetting entirely the enemy's calculations, constitutes the main reason for the smashing victory in Italian Somaliland.

Information received from Cairo military headquarters yesterday indicates that the Italian general officer commanding in Somaliland did not dream an advance would be made until after the rains, or three months later than expected.

It appears that "our motor transport leaves the enemy gaping at their quality, and our equipment generally makes them envious."

The behaviour of the Askaris (native troops), too, has been disappointing, which can be attributed to the demoralisation of the British aerial and artillery attacks.

In addition, their morale is extremely low owing to non-receipt of pay, poor food and bad equipment.

Juba Defeat

Furthermore, much earth was placed in the River Juba, the natural defences of which were considered almost unsurmountable.

Military quarters in Cairo conclude: "There appears to be very bitter feeling between Royalists and Fascists."

"THE FORMER PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE REGULARS, TAKING ORDERS FROM 'POLITICAL SOLDIERS' PLACED IN COMMAND BY FASCISM." — REUTER.

SEA 'FIND' KILLS TWO

Amos Curtis, forty-seven-year-old council roadman and a special constable, found on the beach at Happisburgh, Norfolk, what he thought was a buoy.

He dragged it along the sand, tied it to his bicycle and rode home with it.

Exploded

He was showing it to his wife outside their home when it exploded and killed them both.

A verdict that they "Died from multiple injuries caused by the explosion of an object which the husband took to his home without knowing it was explosive" was recorded at the inquest.

LINER PROPOSAL DROPPED

The large American liners, Washington and Manhattan, will not sail between Lisbon and the United States.

A suggestion was made a few days ago that they should replace the smaller vessels now in service.

The scheme has now been abandoned but the need for more ships on this route is shown by the fact that the American Export Lines' four ships on the Lisbon service are booked up many months ahead. — Reuter.

CARRYING THE WAR TO REICH

"Some reasons" were given by Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday when he said the splendid leadership of Mr. Churchill in Britain had been splendidly paralleled by President Roosevelt overseas.

"Machines, produced by British labour and manned by British manpower, defeated the attacks made on us by the numerically far stronger German air force last summer," he said.

"That same combination is carrying the counter attack to Germany to make her wish she had never started aerial warfare."

Hitler was speaking so often of his 70 million Germans, standing together against Britain, and made a great miscalculation in forgetting the millions of Britishers from the Empire overseas who were pouring of their own free will into Britain to fight for an ideal. — Reuter.

GUNNY BAG CHARGE

Kwok Sau-chow, 27, merchant, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by exporting gunny sacks out of the Colony without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Mr. M. W. Lo pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendant.

It was alleged that some 2,000 gunny bags were placed into three junks off Connaught Road West on Friday last.

Hearing was fixed for April 4. Revenue Officer Tocher is in charge of the case.

WAR GIFTS BY THE EDMONTONS

The Minister of Aircraft Production, in letters thanking Edmonton, London, and Edmonton, Canada, for their first combined contribution of £8,000 towards the purchase of two Spitfires states: "The gift symbolises the bond of unity between Britain and Canada in this struggle against forces seeking to banish the principles of freedom and justice from the world."

Two Edmontoners seek to raise a total of £10,000. — British Wireless.



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DEMOCRACY GOES INTO ACTION

Mr. Willkie Praises Pres. Roosevelt's Speech

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH WAS DESCRIBED AS "AN ENUNCIATION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF AMERICA" BY MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, WHO, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S OBJECTIVES WOULD BE BETTER ATTAINED IF HE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO A REAL DEFENCE COMMISSION.

"Appropriation alone won't do the job. We all pray he meets the opportunity to become the greatest statesman of his generation, for he must do so if Democracy is to be saved."

Australia's reaction to the President's speech was expressed in Sydney yesterday by the Acting Federal Premier, Mr. Fadden, who said: "President Roosevelt's inspiring words will put fresh heart into all lovers of freedom."

Mr. Fadden added: "There could be no more magnificent tonic for the British peoples and those other Democracies than the calm, reassuring tones in which he pledged American help on a scale which would have been beyond the wildest dreams a few months ago."

THE GERMAN RADIO GAVE THE FIRST NAZI COMMENT ON THE SPEECH, SAYING: "THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH."

"No help whatever given to England could affect the issue of the war," added the Nazi announcer.

Death Warrant

"A political act of the first magnitude," is how Athens radio described the speech last night.

The announcer added that by it, "President Roosevelt officially and irrevocably signed the death warrant of Hitler's new order."

THE COMMENT CONCLUDED: "IT IS INDEED POSSIBLE TO SAY THAT MARCH, 1941, IS AN ALL-OMEN FOR TYRANNY."

The speech is given great prominence in the Spanish newspapers, and the influential Madrid "Arriba" gives prominence to his words concerning the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

"This decision is an end to any attempt at appeasement."

No editorial comment is published in Madrid.

Spanish Interest

While Spanish correspondents in Berlin and Rome are minimising the importance of American aid to Britain, the interest of the Spanish people is reflected in the prominence which the newspapers give to news from the United States.

Yesterday, for example, the newspaper "Ya" gives heavy type headlines to reports that new bombers are being manufactured by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation for Britain.

President Roosevelt's assurance that United States aid to the Democracies will be "not partial but total" was particularly welcomed.

MACAO FREIGHTS

FREIGHT ON SHIPS FLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAO IS TO BE INCREASED SHORTLY, THE "CHINA MAIL" HERALD LEARNS.

A combined meeting of representatives of shipping companies which have vessels plying between the British and Portuguese Colonies, is to be held this week to discuss the amount of the increase.

FIRE BOMBS — £25 FINE

A firm was warned five times that they must provide fire watchers. They failed to do so. Then, in a raid, their premises were hit twice by incendiary bombs which started fires.

This was stated by the police at Birmingham when the firm, Ash and Lacy Ltd., of Meriden Street, Birmingham, were fined £25 for failing to provide fire watchers.

Inspector Wainman said police officers saw incendiary bombs fall on the firm's premises, and tried to break in. But the premises were so well secured that they had to go to a nearby police station for the keys.

They found that one bomb had fallen in an office and set fire to a small table. Another had set fire to a pile of greasy material. The fires were put out by the officers.

The defending solicitor said the firm had applied for exemption from the order on the grounds that the stock and premises were not inflammable and that they had tried in vain to get a fire-watcher.

THE MEAT RATION

The meat ration in Britain this week will remain at 1/2d. worth for adult and 7d. for children under six states the Food Ministry, quoted in a British Wireless message.



Britain's aid to Greece and the accuracy of British Royal Air Force bombing are both illustrated in these pictures. Top photo shows the port of Valona before the raid. Below, direct hits being scored on the jetty which was the primary objective, while other bombs are bursting for a distance inland.—(Copyright, Fox.)

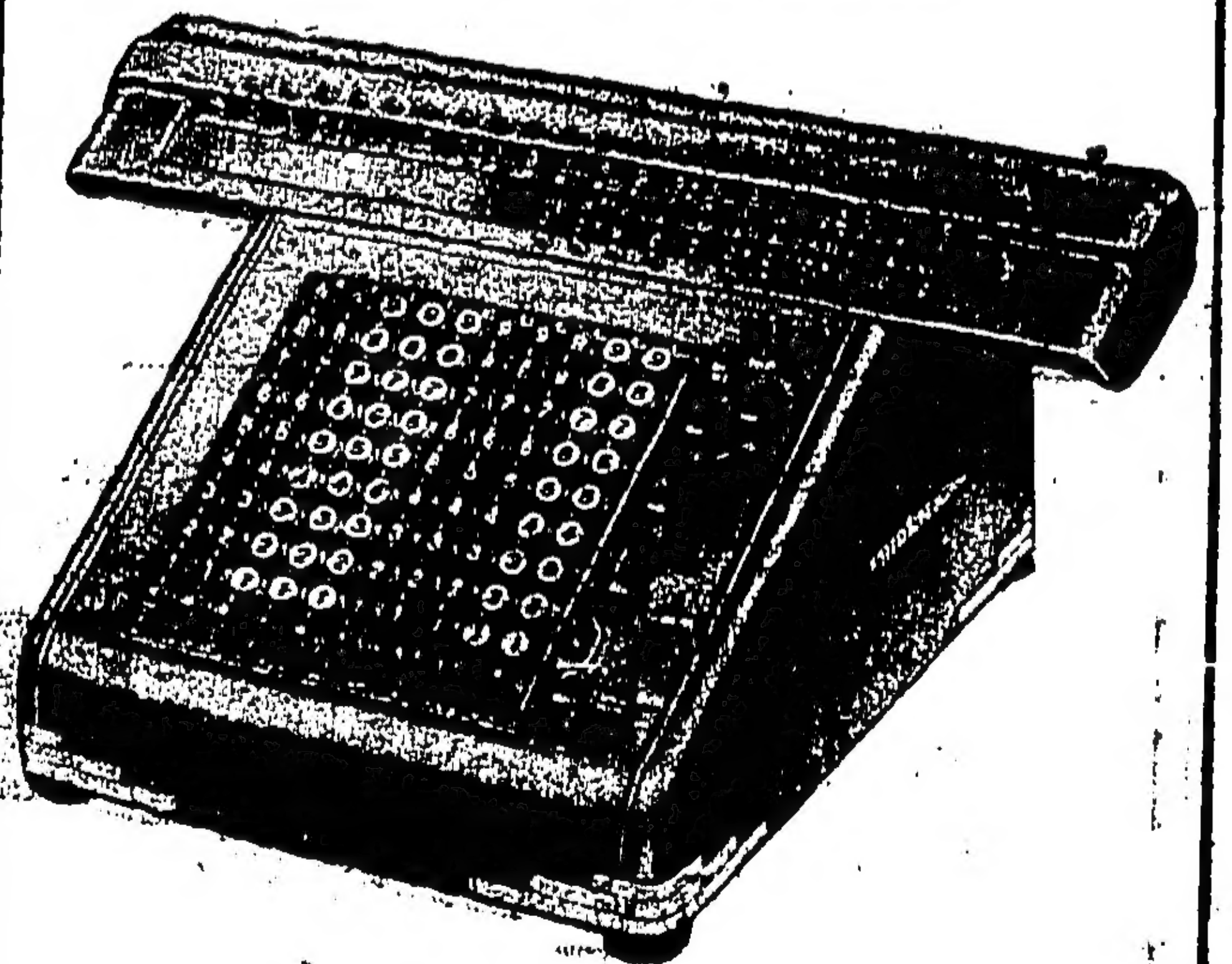
HISTORIC FILM STARS

Selection Committee of the British Film Institute has just compiled a list of 12 stars who have made the greatest contribution to the cinema. The list is:—

- Theda Bara, creator of the film "vamp."
- Charlie Chaplin.
- Douglas Fairbanks, outstanding exponent of action in films.
- Greta Garbo.
- Mary Pickford, prototype of "the world's sweetheart."
- Rudolph Valentino, first great screen lover.
- Fred Astaire, for his contribution to dancing.
- Spencer Tracey, characteristic exponent of realism in acting.
- Tom Mix, populariser of the cowboy hero.
- Harold Lloyd, hero of comedy of danger and suspense.
- Shirley Temple, outstanding example of child star.

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NO QUESTION OF FRANCE DECLARING WAR ON ENGLAND

A STATEMENT THAT there was no question of declaring war on Britain, was made in Vichy yesterday by the Comte de Brinon, Vichy Ambassador to occupied France, yesterday when he concluded a tour of the occupied regions.

"There is no question of declaring war on Britain," he said, "but, putting into practice the policy of collaboration (with Germany), the country must take stringent measures to effect recovery and to profit from the hard lessons we have had to learn."

Meanwhile, M. Henry Haye, Vichy Ambassador to Washington, had an hour's conversation with Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, yesterday on the subject of food for France.

A message from Washington to the Vichy news agency, announcing this, says: Mr. Hull told M. Haye he is in contact with the British blockade authorities on the question.

M. Haye also said after the interview that the Vichy Government would certainly agree to American control of the distribution of food which might be sent to unoccupied France. — Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR STRENGTH

The Royal Canadian Air Force was over 50,000 strong on Feb. 19, according to a report filed in the Dominion House of Commons in Ottawa on Saturday, says Reuter.

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FLED BLITZ, NOW TO JOIN R.A.F.

A war reserve policeman who "ran away in the blitz" is shortly going into the R.A.F.

On being told this the London Sessions Appeal Committee allowed the appeal of Edward James Spencer against a sentence of two months imprisonment, passed at Greenwich for failing to continue in his employment.

Instead Spencer was bound over for two years.

Mr. Christmas Humphreys, for the police, said it was a very rare story of a police officer who was "unable to face the rigours of the night blitz-krieg and ran away."

After a week of difficult conditions, he said, Spencer was posted to Blackwall Tunnel. He should have remained there until 2 a.m., but at 1.20 he was in a room at the station.

Spencer told the superintendent he would return to duty when the gunfire was less. As he went out, he gave a sergeant a document saying he had resigned.

Mr. Stuart Horner, detending, said Spencer had had a week or two of the blitzkrieg. He arrived late at the station and thought he would have to do a second spell of duty.

He was told that if he did not like the job he could pack it up, and he believed it and thought he acted properly in handing in his resignation.

SOUL OF MARGESSON

Captain Margesson, former Chief Whip and now War Minister, and his friends are determined to preserve the existing order, and those not prepared to offend them can contribute nothing to the quest for a new world.

This view was expressed by Sir Richard Acland, M.P., at the Archbishop of York's Conference at Malvern.

"You have to decide whether or not you are going to offend Captain Margesson, because if you are not going to offend him then you cannot advocate any change in the structural organisation of society," he said.

"You are therefore limited in your activity to an effort to convert Captain Margesson's soul," he added amid laughter. "Do your best, but if you fail do not let that restrain you from doing more."

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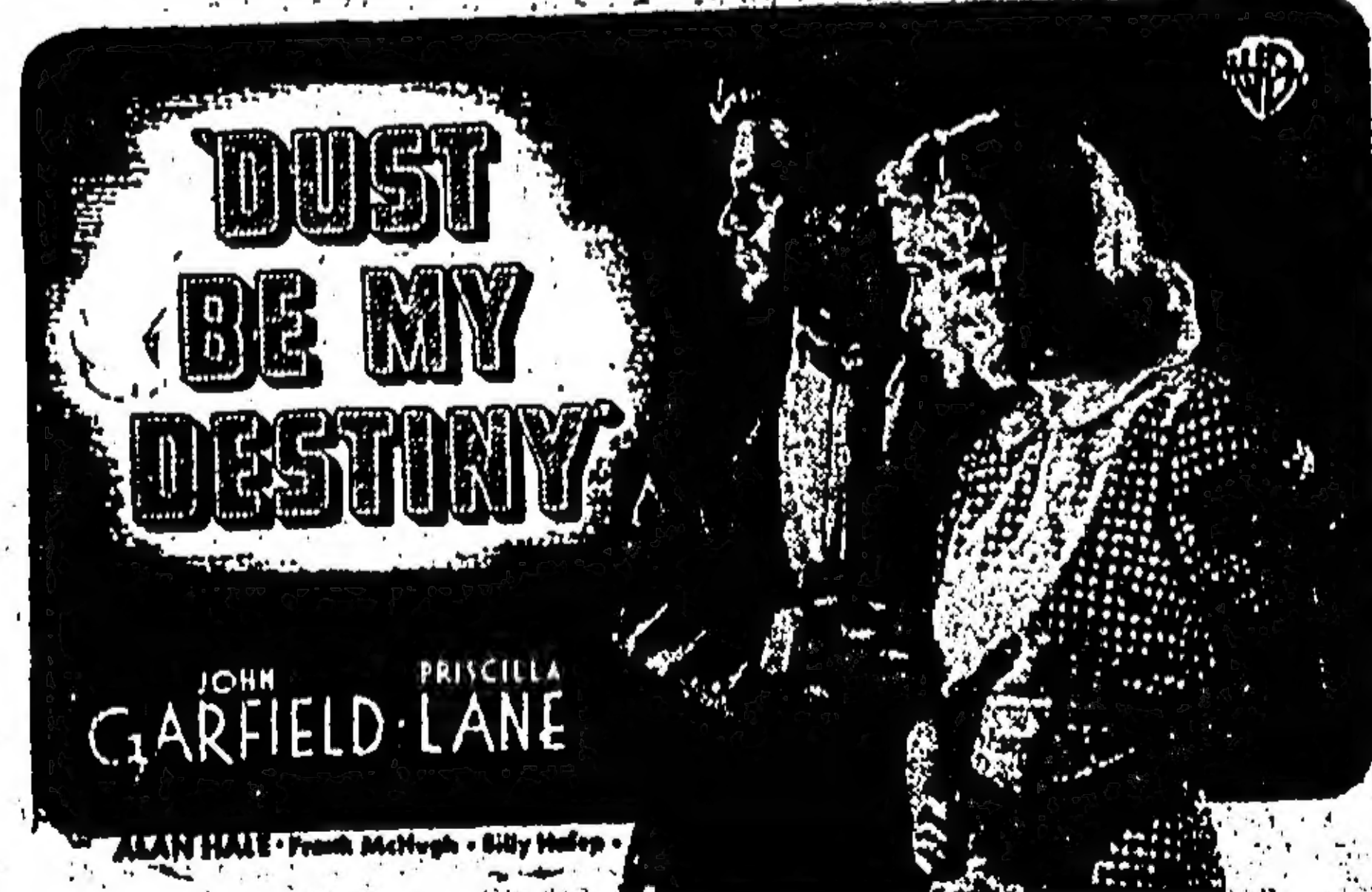
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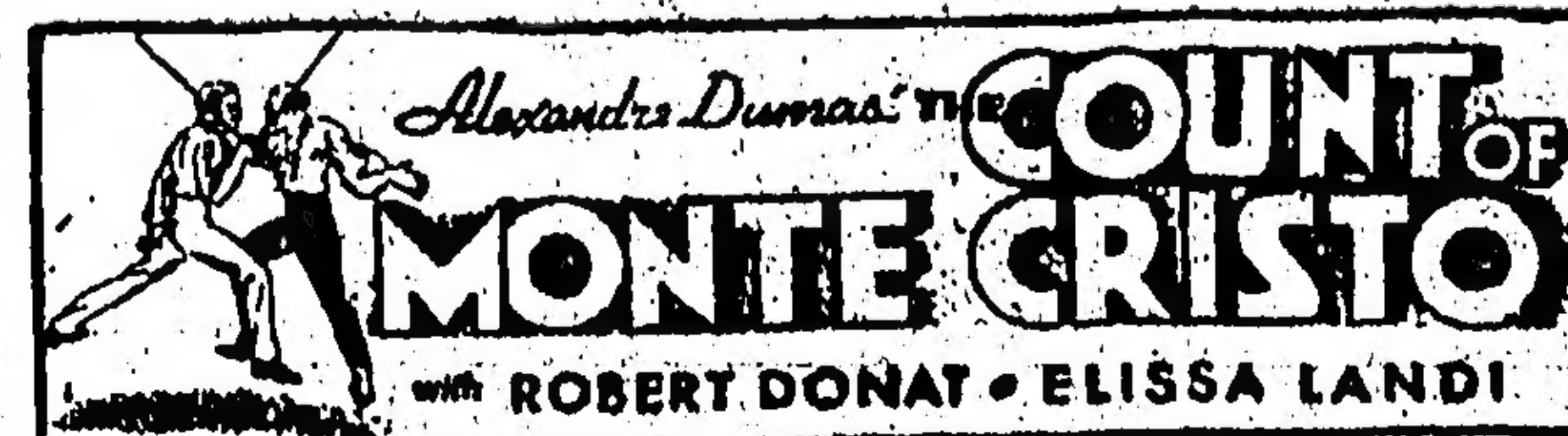
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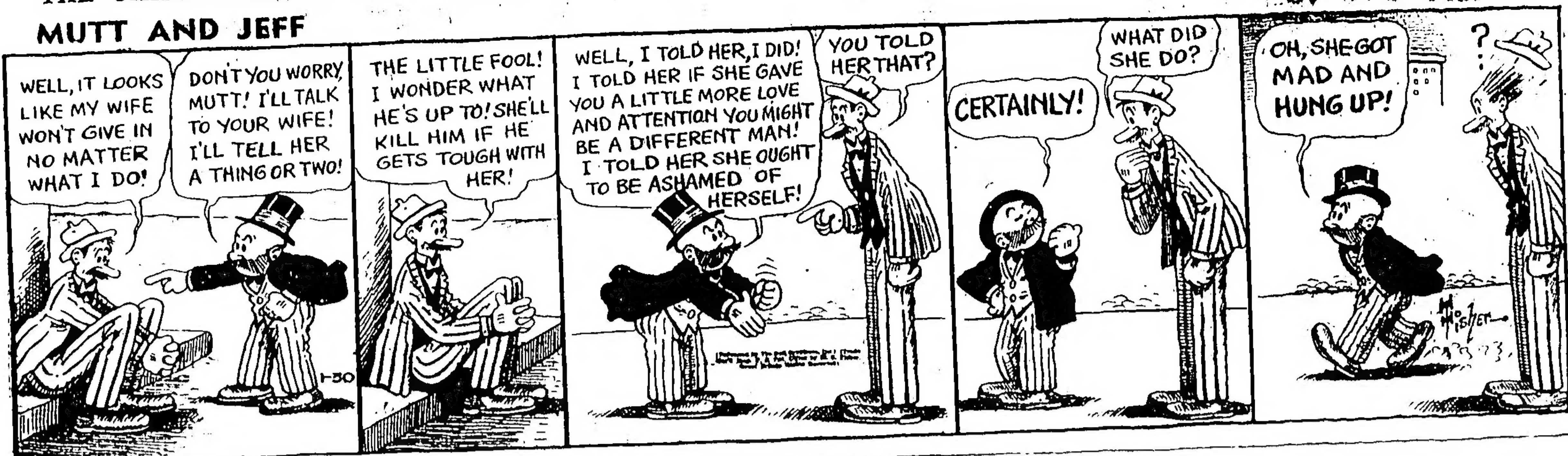
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Heroes Of City's First "Blast"

THE HEART of London was shaken recently by a terrific explosion when Royal Engineers carried out the first of their blasting operations on buildings left unsafe after the fire blitz.

But before the big bang there was a dramatic scene in which the coolness of the Engineers put them high in the list of this war's heroes.

The building was in Newgate Street. No one was allowed in the street except the men on the job. But crowds watched from behind barriers.

Gun cotton was placed at the base of the building, and when all was ready the Engineers withdrew.

The crowd waited breathlessly, all eyes turned on the jagged, fire-stained outline of a building near the centre of the street.

Nothing happened. The time for the explosion had expired. There was a brief consultation.

Then, as hundreds wondered, a major of the Royal Engineers said quietly: "I am going to see what has happened." Without a word he was joined by a lieutenant-colonel of the Royal Engineers and an N.C.O.

Together they walked slowly along the street to the doomed building. They disappeared from sight, and shortly afterwards reappeared.

They had established that the time fuse had ceased to burn within an inch of the detonating point, probably due to a sudden obstruction.

A fresh fuse was produced, it was set; everybody withdrew, and then the silence was shattered by an immense report, accompanied by a pall of black smoke.

The crazy walls went sky high, debris shot around, and the cloud of smoke, which obscured the scene temporarily, drifted across to St. Paul's causing the dome momentarily to disappear from view.

Everyone admired the manner in which the Royal Engineers carried out their work, and the calm courage shown by those who unhesitatingly went forward into danger when the fuse failed.

It was stated that many more buildings will have to be blown up.

TOOK BABY TO DECEIVE HUSBAND

Court Allegation

A young married woman took away a five-week-old baby to keep up a deception that she herself and had a baby, counsel alleged at Tottenham, London.

Mrs. Alma Armstrong, twenty-one, of Sunderland, whose husband is in the Army, was committed for trial at the Old Bailey on the charge of taking away the child, Barbara Frost, daughter of Mrs. Frost, Bath Road, Edmonton, with intent to deprive the parent of its care.

The baby was missed from a pram outside an Edmonton store.

Detective-Inspector Crates, of the Metropolitan Police, said Mrs. Armstrong made a statement which was a confession that she stole the baby.

Mrs. Armstrong was married last March to a soldier with whom she had been walking out and to whom she said she was going to have a baby, said Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting.

According to her story she had a miscarriage in May, but did not tell anybody, not even her husband, and pretended she was still going to have a baby. Later she told her mother, who lived at Enfield, that she had had a baby in August at a hospital in Chelsea which had been bombed, and that the baby was at Tunbridge Wells.

"She wrote to her husband in the Army in September that she had had a baby," continued Mr. Morgan. "Having gone so far with this deception she had to get hold of a baby somehow; as she was drawing an Army allowance on behalf of a non-existent child.

"In November she went to a woman on whose doorstep a child had been abandoned and begged to be allowed to adopt the baby. The woman refused.

"Mrs. Armstrong got a letter from her husband in December that he was coming home on leave and told her to go with the baby to a relative in Sunderland.

"She got a voucher from the education authorities for a baby. The only thing then to do was to find a baby in view of her previous lies.

Detective-Sergeant Bell, of the Sunderland C.I.D., said the missing baby was found at the house of Mrs. Armstrong's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mackenzie, at Plymouth Square, Sunderland.

A birth certificate in the name of Sylvia Elizabeth Armstrong, an identity card, insurance book, vaccination paper and Army allowance card, all relating to the child were found in her possession.

The baby had new clothes on and was unhurt and well kept.

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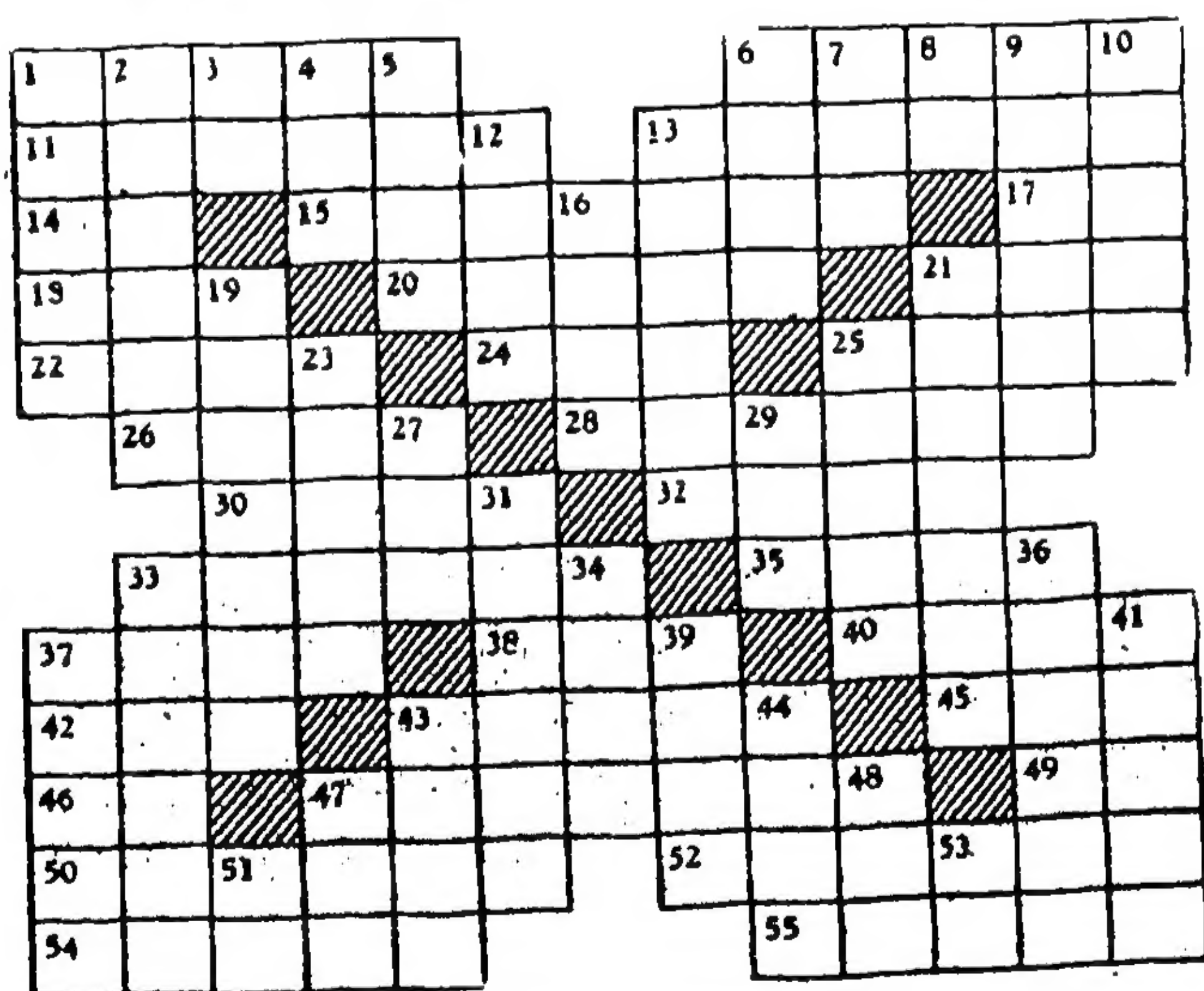
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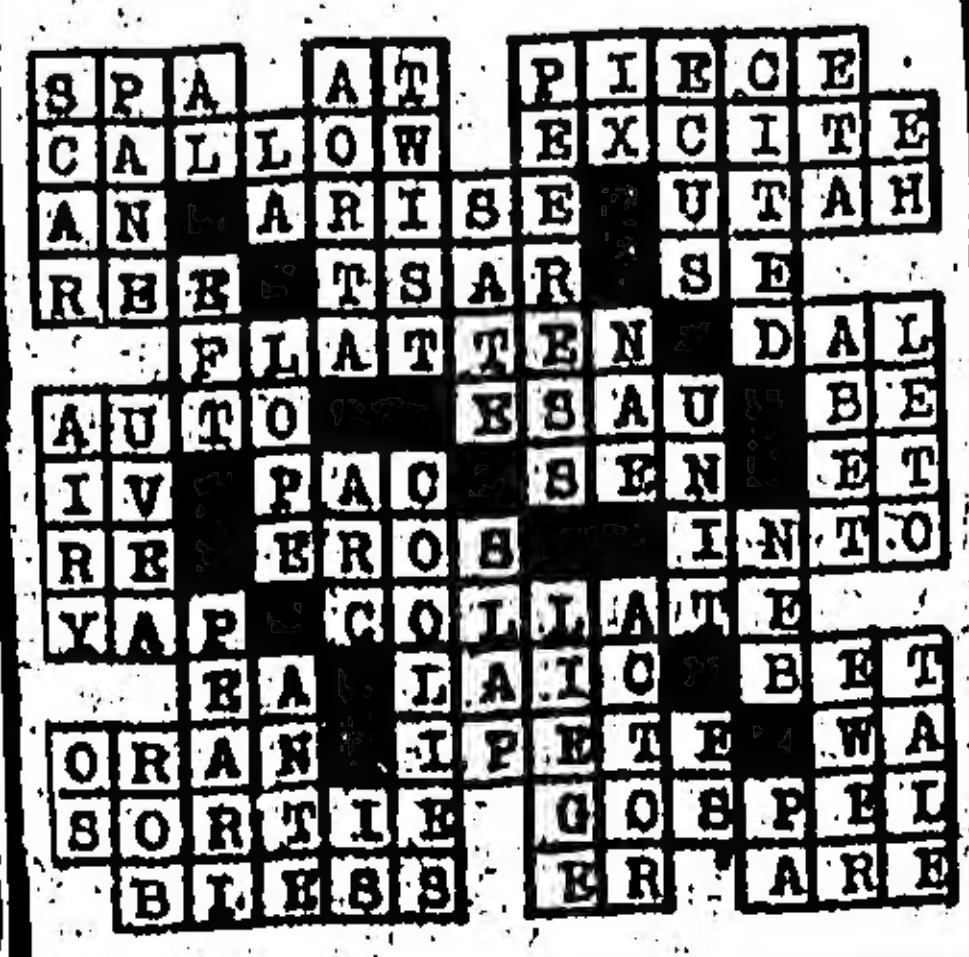
HORIZONTAL

- 1 War-horse
- 6 To-the left
- 11 Opera by Bizet
- 13 South-American beasts of burden
- 14 Part of "to be"
- 15 Consolidated
- 17 Symbol for nickel
- 18 Butting animal
- 20 Redhead
- 21 To mature
- 22 Ancient European country
- 24 Newt
- 25 Solar disc
- 26 Wife of Geraint
- 28 Chooses
- 30 Man's name
- 32 Silkworm
- 33 Silvery
- 35 Mine entrance
- 37 Glacial snow
- 38 Dutch weight
- 40 Conceited person
- 42 South-American language
- 43 Discharges
- 45 To petition

VERTICAL

- 1 To frighten
- 2 Mexican
- 3 Teutonic deity
- 4 Ostrich-like bird
- 5 Lairs

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



- 6 To the sheltered side
- 7 Cushion
- 8 Sacred
- 9 Hindu word
- 10 Rooms
- 11 Chinese money
- 12 British island in the Pacific
- 13 Small
- 16 Wind
- 19 Goddess of wisdom
- 21 Reaches
- 23 To burn
- 25 Sour substances
- 27 Female deer
- 29 Period of time
- 31 Sluggish gastropods
- 33 Trojan prince
- 34 Tropical food-plant
- 36 Journeyed over
- 37 Scandinavian
- 39 Cries like a cat
- 41 Carries
- 43 Ran
- 44 To transmit
- 47 Aviator
- 48 To fade away
- 51 You and me
- 53 Hebrew letter

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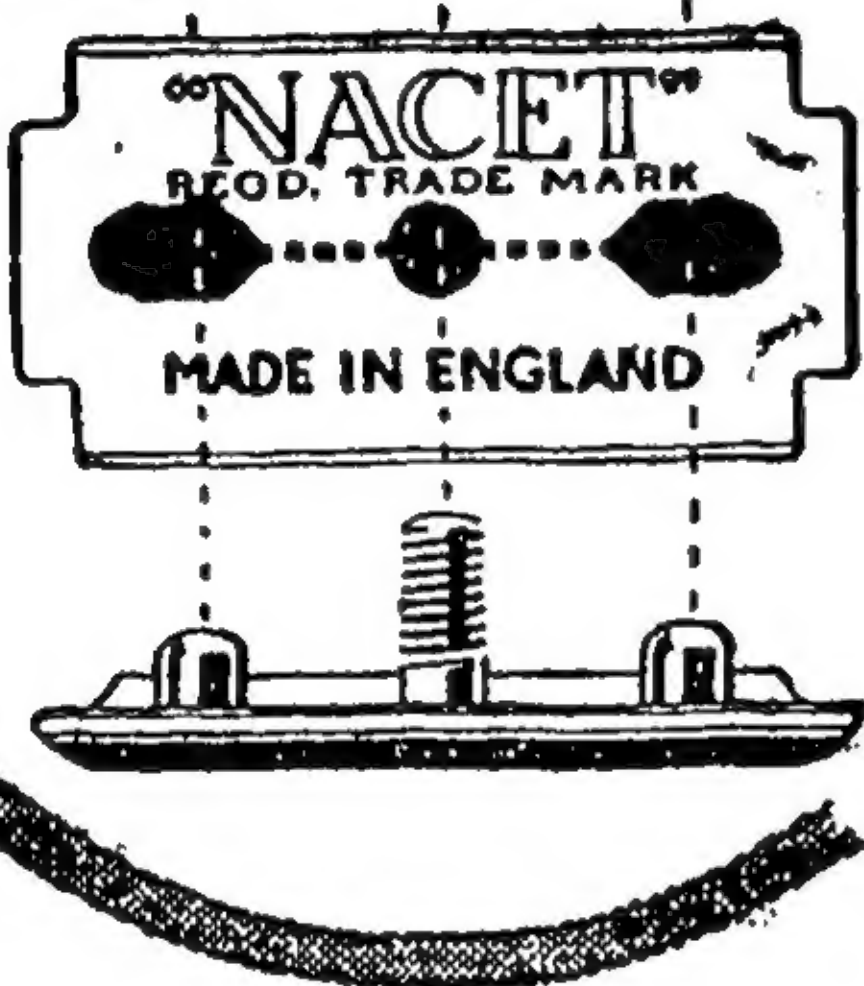
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NAZIS FORGE OUR MONEY: BANKERS ARE ASTONISHED

(By A Special Correspondent in Geneva)

FORGED BANK OF ENGLAND notes which have appeared in Geneva, Switzerland, are such good imitations that even experienced bank officials have been puzzled.

I inspected a £10 note which experts say is the finest forgery they have ever seen. It comes from Occupied France. This note is only one of many that have come to Geneva for verification. One bank alone has seven £100 Bank of England notes—all forgeries.

Bankers believe that the Germans have started a big scheme to undermine confidence in British currency.

In the last war the Germans made big efforts to do this in foreign countries. There is, of course, no fear in banking circles that the forgeries will be introduced to Britain.

The import of bank notes is prohibited by a defence regulation.

The Geneva forgeries have all the characteristics of real notes, reproduced with great accuracy.

Only the paper differed slightly from the original.

Real Test

This is what happened when the bank officials first saw the notes:

They looked at the serial number—in forgeries this does not usually change. They did in these notes.

They looked at the water-marks; these were perfect.

Then they tested the strength of the paper. A real note folded tightly will bear a weight of 50lb. These could not stand a strain of more than 20lb.

Gang Rounded Up

Recently a gang was rounded up near Istanbul, Turkey, after forged Bank of England notes had been found in enormous quantities.

The counterfeits were of two types—one an indifferent imitation known to have come from Italy, and the other a good forgery believed to have come from Germany.

This gang, which included a number of good looking women, sold the bank notes to people about to leave Turkey.

When they had smuggled them out, defying the Turkish regulations, they were unable to take any action when they found the notes were false.

HE STOLE FROM THE PALACE

A CARPENTER WHO STOLE A SILVER GILT BOX AND KEY WORTH £10 FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

The man, Patrick O'Flynn, aged 24, a native of Cork living at Loftus Road, Shepherd's Bush, appeared at Bow Street Police Court.

He pleaded guilty and asked for the theft of two leather wallets from the Palace Royal Mews to be taken into consideration.

Divl. Det. Inspector Swain said O'Flynn was employed by contractors to repair windows at the Palace.

With a screwdriver he opened a cabinet in one of the corridors and stole the box and key.

He was stopped in the street with the property in his possession. The wallets were at his home.

His wages were £6 10s. a week. Previously he earned £10 10s. a week.

"No doubt he thought the gilt

BRUCE'S SWORD LOST IN MANSION FIRE

Priceless historical relics, including paintings, and a sword which belonged to Robert the Bruce, were lost when Dunstaffnage House, near Oban, was burned to the ground.

The house was a mile from the picturesque ruins of Dunstaffnage Castle, formerly the residence and crowning place of Scottish kings. From the castle the famous "Stone of Destiny" was removed to Scone, near Perth, and is now under the throne at Westminster Abbey.

HUMORIST SNUBS TOOLS OF NAZIS

Invited by the American First Committee to take part in its campaign to keep the United States out of all foreign wars, Frank Sullivan, the well-known humorous writer, has sent a response which puts into words what many Americans have been feeling for some time.

"In reply to your telegram," he says, "I won't cooperate with your so-called America First Committee. From all I've heard and read about it, I'm convinced it comprises a bunch of appeasers. Therefore I say it's spinach and I say 'To hell with it!'"

"We have a President in Washington," Sullivan goes on, "whose foreign policy a large majority of our people favour. He seems to be doing all right with that policy. There is therefore no need for any group of self-appointed statesmen to take over that policy."

"I suggest you call your apparently timorous committee together and buck them up by reading to them the address the President made on the evening of Dec. 29, particularly the paragraph in which he described the use Nazi agents make of well-meaning boobs in this country. My guess is that if your America First group and similar groups, with their Lindberghs, Joe Kennedys, Ham Fishes and Vandenberges went far enough they would land America third behind Nazi Germany and Japan."

articles were gold," said, the officer.

GOEBBELS SAYS OUR RAIDS ARE STERN TEST

GOEBBELS TOLD WORKERS of the Blohm and Voss shipyards at Hamburg (says the official German news agency) that British night raids had proved a stern test of discipline.

"There is no turning back for the Reich now," he said. "From the two bitter decades after the World War everyone can work out for himself what destruction and annihilation of their people would be wrought on Germany by her enemies should they succeed in breaking the Reich."

Goebbels expressed gratitude to workers for "retaining unshakable discipline in their work, despite many night raid alarms."

The worker, who is forging the armour of Germany's sea power," he concluded, "is in the best position to testify that British night-bombers have failed in tangibly disturbing Hamburg's war production."—Reuter.

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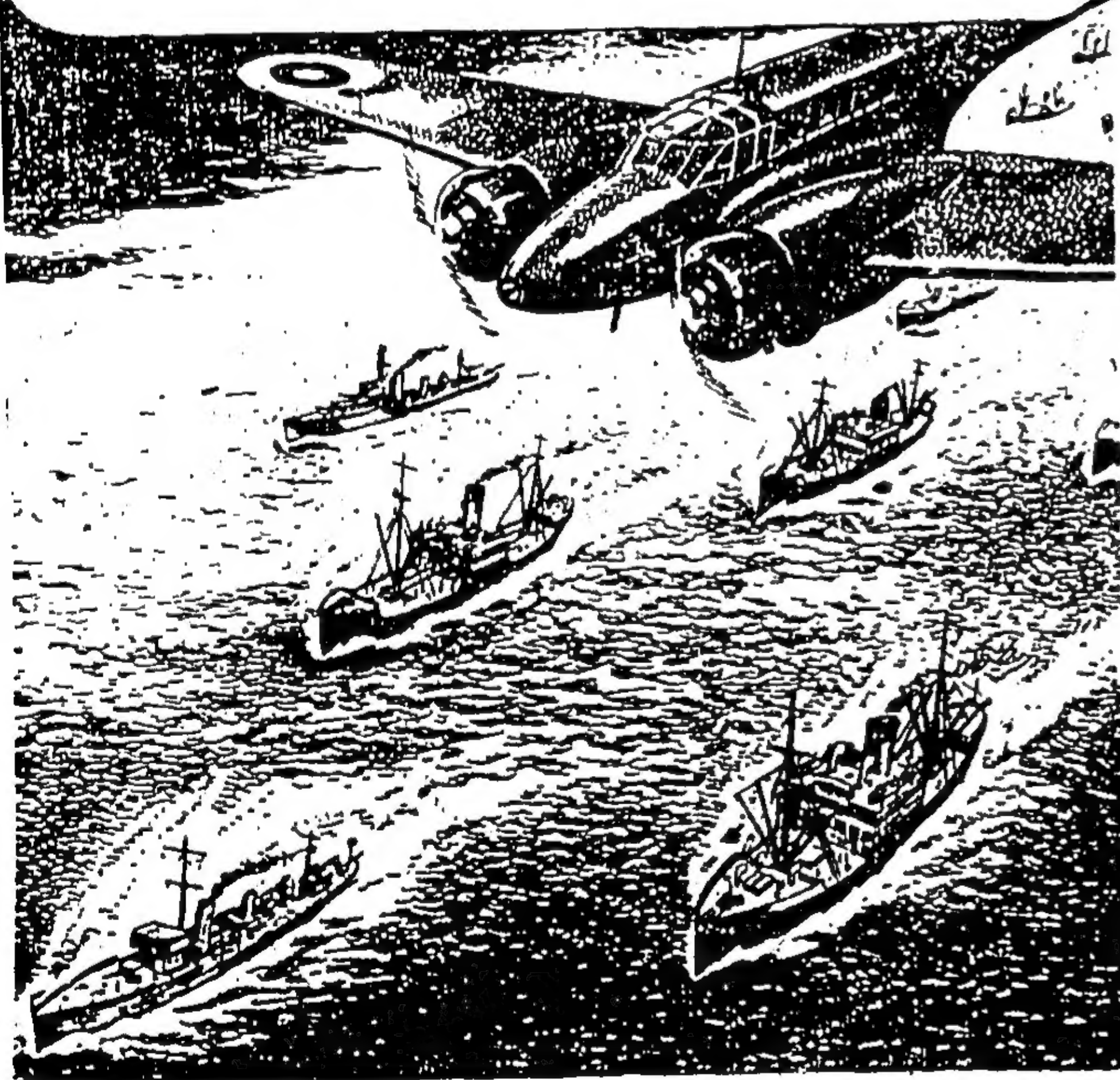
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16 CHILDREN WERE ILL, SERUM SAVED FIFTEEN

SIXTEEN CHILDREN LAY ill with diphtheria. Under normal conditions eight of these children could be expected to die. A new serum was tried. Fifteen of the children recovered.

These details were given when the discovery of the new serum, which is the result of research work by Dr. O'Meara, professor at Trinity College, was announced at a meeting of the Royal College of Physicians in Dublin.

Dr. C. J. MacSweeney, superintendent of Cork Street Fever Hospital in Dublin, declared:—

"The new serum contains some factors not used in commercial serums, which have limited powers and the big problem now is to build up a supply of the new discovery."

Cases Treated

Dr. MacSweeney said that the 16 test cases were treated in his hospital.

"At least some of these cases, if they had been treated with commercial serums, would have died," said Dr. MacSweeney.

"The fifteen children who recovered did so after a comparatively tranquil convalescence."

"I am certain from my experience of this disease and from the results observed in this case, that given an adequate quantity of serum rich in the substance to which Dr. O'Meara has drawn attention, substantial saving in child life will result."

The chief merit of the new serum is that it is capable of dealing with the severest forms of the disease where hitherto the commercial serums fell short, he added.

Minister's Plea

A famous specialist engaged on research into infectious diseases emphasised that however effective the new treatment may prove, the importance and urgency of inoculation remains the same.

The Health Minister, has urged parents to have all children between the ages of 1 and 15 inoculated against diphtheria.

Statistics prove the danger of the disease to children between those ages, for out of 2,931 deaths from this cause in 1938, no fewer than 2,804—more than 95 per cent.—were among children up to the age of 15.

As proof of the value of inoculation, the death rate among children in New York was reduced from 27 per 100,000 in 1929 to 2 in 1935.

The latest corresponding figure for England and Wales is 31 per 100,000.

WANTED— A SWORD

THE BESTOWAL OF THE ACOLADE UPON SIR ALLAN GRANT BY THE KING WHEN VISITING THE SHEFFIELD STEEL WORKS, OF WHICH HE IS MANAGING DIRECTOR, WAS A SURPRISE INCIDENT.

The King, through his equerry, had to make an enquiry where the sword was to be found. An officer in the works managed to provide one.

King Edward VII often gave the accolade at unexpected moments. A sword, however, always seemed to be forthcoming.

Umbrella Into Wand

Though a great stickler for the niceties of Court etiquette, King Edward on occasions allowed latitude. Once when the late Lord Pembroke was Lord Steward he went to Buckingham Palace to ask when the King could receive an address. He was ushered into the presence, where he found the sovereign having his corns cut.

"Have you the address with you?" asked the King. He had it, but no wand. "Oh, never mind," King Edward answered, "take an umbrella." The address was then presented.

FIREMEN HESITATED IN DARK

On Brink Of A
50 ft. Drop

Two A.F.S. men, working at one of London's big fires recently clambered to the top of an eight-foot wall, in pitch darkness, and perched there precariously to play their hose on the blaze.

For hours they worked there. They decided after some consideration not to climb down the other side to get nearer the blaze.

When dawn came they looked down. On the far side of the eight-foot wall their feet were dangling over a 50-foot drop.

This is one of the scores of stories told in A.F.S. stations about adventures in the great fires.

Another similar story was told by two men who slid down a sloping roof also in the dark—to a vantage point on a parapet.

When it became light, they found the roof over which they had slid was glass.

One crew worked for hours with their pump a few yards from a suspicious hole in the road. The pump operator asked the local warden about it.

"Oh, you needn't worry about that," he said. "It has been there a week and hasn't gone off yet."

HER BUTTER CAME ---FROM AMERICA

THE HON. LADY (ALICE) BINGHAM was fined £5 with £2 2s. costs at Temple Cloud, near Bristol, for trying to obtain butter from her daughter in New York contrary to the Rationing Order, 1940.

Mr. H. S. Cox, prosecuting for the Ministry of Food, read a letter from Lady Bingham to her daughter, which the censor intercepted.

The case turned on whether Lady Bingham paid or intended to pay her daughter—Miss Alice Chauncey, of Mohawk Lake, New York—for the butter.

Lady Bingham is the widow of Major-General the Hon. Sir Cecil Bingham, and she said she was staying as the guest of the Dowager Lady Sysonby at Timsbury. She wore a fur coat and carried a lorgnette when she went into the witness-box.

Her daughter—who makes her allowance—went to America in May, she said, to lecture for the English-Speaking Union. Miss Chauncey's parting words when kissing her goodbye were: "I'll send you some butter, darling."

Tea Party Offer

Lady Bingham said it was very unlikely that anyone making an allowance would expect to be paid for a gift of butter.

Regarding an offer made at a tea party to let her hostess, Lady Sysonby, have some of the butter, she said the offer was intended as a gift. Two days later Lady

Sysonby said she did not wish to receive such supplies.

Mr. Cox said the letter intercepted by the censor was dated October 30. It asked for butter to be sent more often, adding: "It is better to send oftener and not so much in case it was lost."

"I wonder if you could send a pound a week of butter, addressed to me, and Ria. (Lady Sysonby) will pay me every other week."

"How much will it cost? You said 3s. a lb. And how much is carriage, so I will know what to charge her?"

To an officer of the Ministry of Food, Lady Bingham admitted she had received two separate pounds of butter, "solely as a gift."

Thomas, William Durbin, of the Ministry of Food, said that Lady Sysonby told him: "Lady Bingham suggested that I should equally receive 1lb. of butter a week. I said I could not do that. It is right against my principles to endeavour to obtain rationed goods otherwise than from legal sources."

He Wants "Action"

A "bad risk" for an insurance company, turned down as unfit for the Royal Engineers and the war Reserve Police, Mr. Frederick Leighton-Morris, the man who was fined £100 for moving a time bomb from a Jermyn Street flat, is now in an anti-aircraft unit.

He left London with his wife, who was joining a unit of the W.A.A.F. in the north of England.

The heroic conduct of Mr. Leighton-Morris was referred to by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons, and the fine was subsequently reduced to £25.

Mr. Leighton-Morris was prepared to go to prison for three months rather than pay the £100.

He told a reporter: "I sent the £5 by cheque some time ago. I hope that has not been bombed out."

Can Speak Arabic

"It certainly relieves one's mind to know that after being rejected by insurance doctors and the Army I am now considered fit for service."

"I was hoping to go to the Middle East, where my knowledge of Arabic—I can speak it fluently—would be of some use."

"Presumably after some time in the anti-aircraft, when I have acquired some knowledge of guns, I will be drafted there."

"All I want is action, now I am considered fit to go on active service."

TOWN MAY BECOME AN ISLAND

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK COASTAL TOWN, MAY BECOME AN ISLAND, AND EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR BENEATH THE SEA, JUST AS DID THE ONCE PROSPEROUS PORT OF DUNWICH, UNLESS IMMEDIATE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO ARREST COAST EROSION. IT WAS STATED AT A MEETING OF THE EAST SUFFOLK RIVERS CATCHMENT BOARD.

Expert opinion on how to deal with the matter is being obtained.

Emergency centres erected by Southwold Corporation, at a cost of £1,500, have been washed away. It was reported.

PARIS TO-DAY A CITY OF HOPELESS

PARIS TO-DAY IS A CITY of listless, hopeless people struggling to maintain an outward appearance of normality but still stunned by what everybody refers to as "le debacle" or "le catastrophe."

A vivid picture was given by a neutral woman who has lived there for many years, remaining right through the war and the Nazi occupation, and is now on her way to America.

"People take no interest in any happenings except the momentary problems of living," she said. "They seem equally apathetic about the future. You never hear mention of Petain, de Gaulle, the British or the Germans. If they speak of the past it is to place indiscriminate blame on the ruler of the Republic in the last 20 years."

The French, overwhelmed by their own catastrophe, are not following the further course of the war.

They have, in any case, given up trying to form an idea of what is happening in the world outside the German cordon. They have no trust in their own newspapers and the radio, which they know are merely German echoes. Many tried at first to listen to the British radio, but the programmes are now jammed.

No Taxis In The City

"Yet Paris is slowly returning to an outward appearance of its old self. The most striking change is the almost complete disappearance of motor traffic. The few cars all belong to German officers. There is not a single taxi in the whole city."

"A few motor buses are allowed in the outer suburbs where there is no Metro. The only other motor transport is lorries bringing food. Everywhere are bicycles, often with sidecars, trailers and other contraptions to increase capacity."

"Nearly all the shops, including the famous dress salons have reopened. The latter are doing scarcely any business, selling perhaps half a dozen dresses monthly. Stockings are practically unobtainable, but there are a few pairs of old stock selling at 100 francs a pair."

"German womenfolk who flocked to Paris after the occupation to buy up everything with cheap rates are no longer much in evidence. Officers, however, are still buying many antiques."

Goering, through agents, is reputed to be the biggest client, collecting especially tapestries.

"It is noticeable that the Germans are most courteous to the Parisians, apparently in obedience to orders. They salute on entering shops, and tip generously at restaurants. All hotels are commandeered by the Germans, whose headquarters are at the Crillon. Even the smallest places have been taken over. The Ritz alone obtained special permission to keep a part for its own guests."

"Empty flats and houses, including those vacated by British residents, have also been taken. Male Britons are interned at St. Denis, a few miles from Paris. The women remain at liberty, but report daily to the police."

Problem Of Food

"Large numbers of the inhabitants who evacuated before the German advance, are now back again. But many have never returned. A pathetic sight is that of hundreds of ravenous dogs and cats wandering in the Bois Boulogne abandoned by their fleeing owners."

"Food shortage is now France's biggest problem. The bread ration is fairly liberal, but the fat allowance, including cooking, is only half a pound monthly. Cheese is also half a pound monthly, and meat three-quarters of a pound weekly."

"The increasing cooperation of Vichy with the occupied area authorities is illustrated by the fact that rations in both parts of France have been identical since September. Domestic fuel shortage is also acute. It will be impossible to heat many blocks of flats this winter."

She added that the Paris black-

MILCH'S HOARD OF DOLLARS

Attempt To Send Son-in-Law £25,000

It is learned on good authority that Field-Marshal Milch, chief officer of the Luftwaffe after Goering, has sent £25,000, in United States dollars to his son-in-law, Hauptman Joachim - Heinrich Schlichting, who is a prisoner of war in Britain.

Schlichting will not be able to touch the money. On the contrary, it will be a little contribution to the British war effort.

The nature of the intended gift raises some interesting questions. The sending of foreign money out of Germany is a most serious contravention of the Reich currency regulations. It would mean a long term of imprisonment, if not worse, to an ordinary citizen. But Milch and other Nazi leaders act as if they are above the laws to which the German public is subject.

Apart from this purely national aspect of the matter, the question arises as to how Milch has dollars at his disposal.

Not long ago the world was given some startling particulars of the fortunes held in the United States by prominent members of the Nazi party. Milch may be among those possessing banking accounts abroad.

In September, 1939, United States newspapers stated that seven of Hitler's most trusted helpers, Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Goering, Hess, Ley, Himmler and Streicher, had deposited each securities abroad to the total of £3,334,000.

British officer prisoners of war receive the full rate of pay for corresponding ranks in the German forces. Up to £2 a month may be sent to officers without applying to the Trading With the Enemy Department.

SIR OSWALD STOLL ESCAPES BOMB

Sir Oswald Stoll, seventy-four-year-old chairman of Stoll Theatres Corporation, told the shareholders' annual meeting what happened when he and his wife were in a bombed London building last month.

"We stood perfectly still in the centre of the room trying to keep our heads while it seemed that an earthquake was whirling all round us."

"Within sixteen inches of us a girl was struck dead. Another one near was buried up to the neck in debris. It is clear that my wife and I are not intended to be bombed to death."

MUSICAL WAITER

A nineteen-year-old waiter who had been crippled by an accident applied at Westminster for £12 from the workman's compensation standing to his account.

Judge Sir Mordaunt Snagge said he had already had £40, and asked what had become of it. The man said he used it to fit himself for dance-band work. His application was granted.

There has been much stricter lately. Orders were recently posted in the streets commanding absolute observance of the new rules.

RONALD TRUE WOULD LIKE TO FLY A SPITFIRE

Ronald True is now stage manager for the concerts given from time to time at Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, where he has been an inmate since he was convicted of murder in 1922.

He has designed and painted a good deal of the scenery for these shows.

But if he could be asked what his dearest wish is he would probably answer "To fly a Spitfire or a Hurricane."

True was a pilot in the last war and once prophesied that some day an aeroplane would be built which would reach a speed of 500 m.p.h.

In the old Royal Flying Corps days he was trained at Gosport, and when he gained his wings he astounded everyone by wearing a pair three times of size of the regulation issue and with variegated colours worked into them. He was promptly ordered to remove them.

True was discharged after a bad crash, and he secured a job as a test pilot at a Government factory, and whenever an aeroplane was seen narrowly missing the roofs of the hangars or coming down in a crazy spin it was said "True's at it again."

True was sentenced to death for the murder of Gertrude Yates in her flat at Fulham, but later a panel of experts declared him insane and he was sent to Broadmoor.

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1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to capitalize the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager,
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director
14, Des Voeux Road, Central,
Hong Kong.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Plot And Counterplot

By The Four Aces

We find today's hand fascinating because of the brilliance with which both sides played:

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K J 10
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ 4
♣ A J 10 9 4 3
N
S
W
E
♠ 7 6 3
♥ K 6
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 8 6
♠ Q 9 8 4 2
♥ A Q
♦ A Q 7 6
♣ 5 2

The bidding:
East 1♣
South 1♠
West Pass
North 2♠
Pass
Pass
Pass

West opened the King of hearts, South gratefully winning with his Ace. Then, ignoring the clubs, South led a spade and finessed dummy's ten. South knew that East must hold the spade Ace, diamond King, and club King—Queen for his opening bid of one heart. Since both club finesses were bound to fail, any attempt to set up the dummy's long club suit would fail because of the lack of entries to the North hand. So South decided to set up his own hand and use the dummy just for a couple of odd tricks.

East won the finesse of the spade ten with his Jack and brilliantly returned the King of clubs. If dummy took the club Ace, the Jack of hearts could never be cashed, and South would have only eight tricks. But South avoided this trap by refusing to take dummy's Ace, and now East was obliged to shift, since another club lead would give dummy the entire suit.

East's shift to a low heart was won by South's Queen, and a spade lead went to East's Ace. East returned the King of diamonds, hoping that his partner held as good as Queen-nine in the suit, but East's defensive skill was wasted, for South was able at this point to cash his top diamonds and spades, after which dummy was entered with the club Ace for the cashing of the heart Jack.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 9 6
♥ A K 4 2
♦ —
♣ A J 9 4

The bidding:
Maler 3♦
You 3♦
Schenken 3♦
Jacoby 3♦

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. This unusual bid demands a takeout by your partner and is forcing until game is reached. There should be a fine play for game in almost any four-card suit your partner holds (except diamonds); and your powerful bid suggests Slam if your partner has as little as two or three picture cards.

Score 100% for four diamonds, 20% for double.

Question No. 666

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable you hold:

♠ Q 8
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ K 10 7 3

The bidding:
Maler 3♦
Schenken 3♦
Jacoby 3♦
You 3♦

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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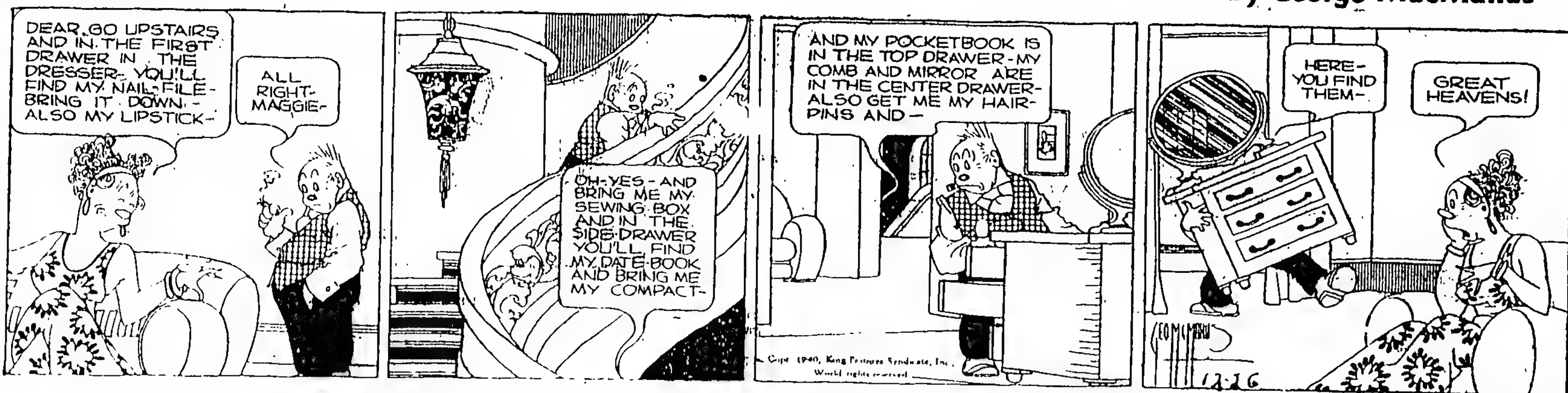
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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Simple Brushing Routine

Brittle eyelashes are a common complaint of women. And many whose lashes break off also complain about them being too short. Eyelashes, like hair, depend greatly on nourishment from the blood stream. If you are lacking in certain vitamins, your hair and hair, and lashes will not have the natural growth for which you crave. But the simple habit of brushing them, two or three times a day, with a lubricant will greatly enhance their beauty. In the way you attempt to supply the hair with what it cannot get from the blood stream, and you also avoid having the hair and on the face of natural lubrication.

Diligence Counts

If you make it a habit to brush your lashes and brows with an appropriate lotion or cream each night before you retire, and again after you have finished applying your make-up, you will be very pleased with the improvement of your eyelash beauty.

There are several splendid prepared eyelash creams and lotions on your cosmetic counter, and hair brushes are sold there too. Keep these with your powder and lipstick to remind you they must be used every morning and every night.

If you grasp your lashes between thumb and first finger and gently tug them the blood circulation at the roots of the hair will be stimulated. This helps the growth too. After thus exercising them, dip the brush into the lotion or cream and brush the lashes first downward with eyes closed, and then upward and outward with the eye open. Practice will give you a steady hand for you must never get any foreign matter in your eye if you can avoid doing so.

Some women find that anointing the eyelids with a bit of vaseline helps the growth of their lashes, as does the use of a rich eye-wrinkle cream which is used under the eyes as a night massage.

Use Eye Wash Too

If you make your own eyewash, or buy one of the few well recommended ones, you may wash your eyes every day, especially if you live in a town or city which is dusty. Those in the clear country will not find it necessary to rinse the eyes more frequently



Lucile Fairbanks brushes her lashes and brows daily with a rich lubricant.

than once or twice a week unless it is dry and dusty too. Careful treatment of the eyes will prevent any inflammation or eye disease which always takes a heavy toll of eye beauty. By all means refrain from using any preparation which claims to make your eyes larger or brighter. Only good health and careful daily treatment will preserve or enhance your eye beauty. By all means re-

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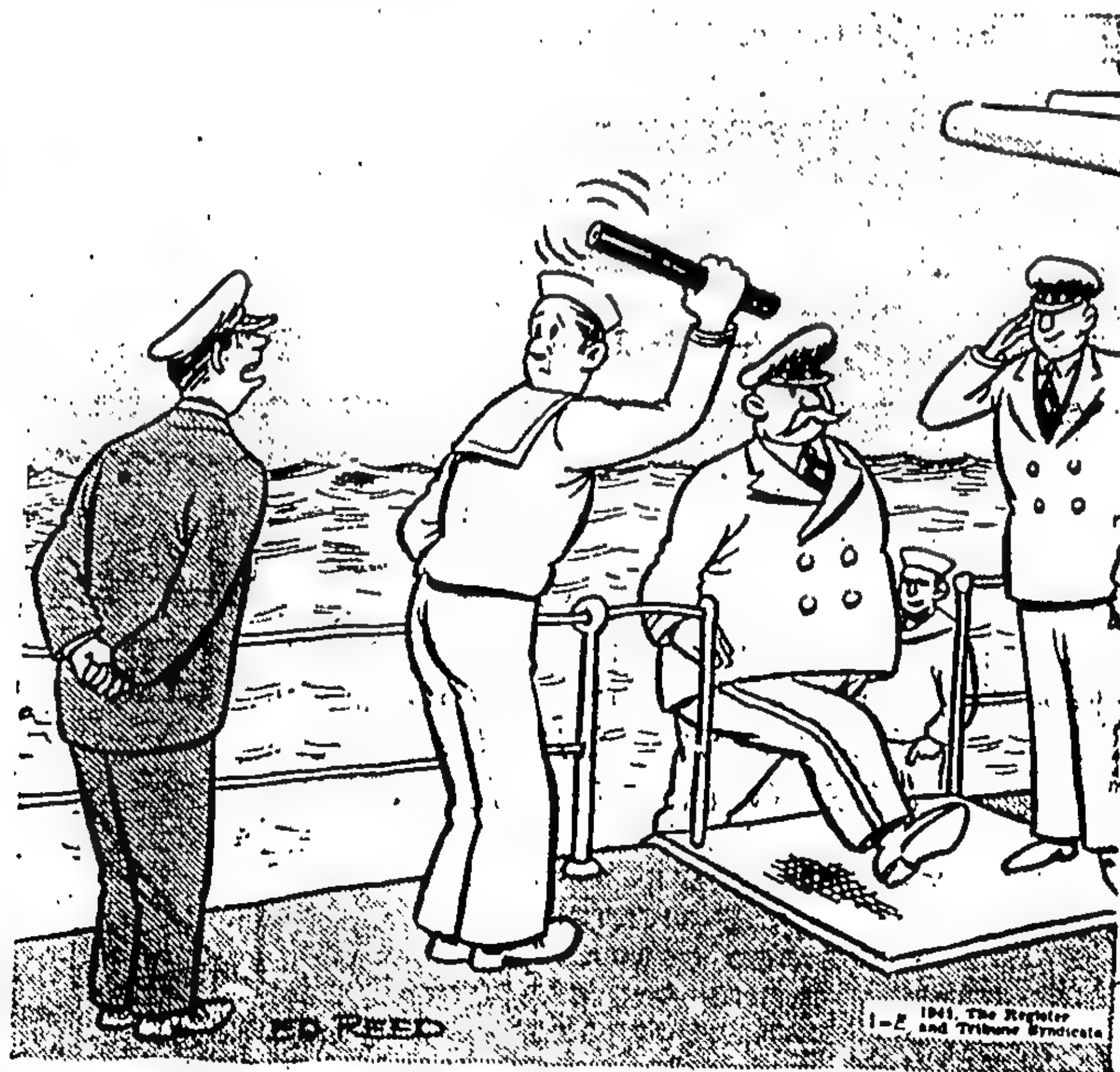
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 Pas Des Cymbales (Chamblade). Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Devon, O Devon (Songs of the Sea — Stanford).
 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
 Hiawatha—March (Moret). The Drums are on Parade (Neville).
 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
 The Bells of St. Malo (Rimmer). Parade of the Puppets (Kuhn). Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
 1.01 p.m.—An Irish Programme.
 The Dawning of the Day (Joyce). Old Irish Air, arr. Page.
 John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.
 Kinnegad Slashes. Tacklock Jig. The Unknown Irish Jigs.
 Sean Nolan's Dublin Orchestra. Ference's Farewell to Kathleen (Ledy Dufferin).
 John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.
 It's Reek, The Pledge. Maids of Tulla. Moonson.
 Sean Nolan's Dublin Orchestra. The Wife of the Bold Tenant Farmer.
 John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.
 Irish Medley. Irish Washerwoman. Peggy O'Neil. Rose of Tralee. Killarney. St. Patrick's Day. Remembrance Day. (Dance).
 Wm. Irish. The Ardara. (Dance).
 Danny Malone (Tenor) with Orchestra.
 Mayo Hornpipe.
 Frank Murphy (Accordeon) with Piano.
 Macushla (Dance). Macushla (Dance).
 Sydney MacLean (Tenor) with Piano.
 Led in the Sunk Irish Reed.
 Frank Murphy (Accordeon) with Piano.
 1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.
 1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
 Quickstep: If You Were the Only Girl in the World.
 I Never Knew.
 Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in 'Drumsticks'.
 Fox-Trot: I've Got No Strings.
 Turn On The Old Music Box (both from 'Pinocchio').
 Bob Chester and His Orchestra. Tankos—Siempre Unidos.
 El Que A Hierro Mata.
 Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
 Fox-Trot: Three Cheers for Anything (from 'Pinocchio').
 Victor Young and His Orchestra.

with The Ken Darby Singers. Quickstep—On the Isle of May. Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old.
 Joe Loss and His Band.
 2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
 5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
 6.32 p.m.—Weinberger — Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree (Variations and Fugue on an old English tune for full Orchestra).
 London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.
 6.50 p.m.—Quilter — Three English Dances.
 New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by J. Ainslie Murray.
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Working Together'.
 7.30 p.m.—Irish Programme.
 The Green Hills of Ireland (Shieldsdel Rio).
 Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Piano.
 The South Down Militia (arr. Hayward).
 Richard Hayward (Traditional Ballad Singer) with Violin, Flute and Cello and Piano.
 The Irish Organist—Medley (arr. T. Casey).
 Terence Casey (Organ).
 Phil The Fluter's Ball (French).
 With My Shillelagh Under My Arm (O'Brien and Raymond Wallace).
 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
 Ned O' The Hill.
 Limerick Is Beautiful.
 Seamus O'Doherty (Tenor) with Orchestra.
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
 8.05 p.m.—This week's programmes.
 8.15 p.m.—Raid Da Costa at the Piano.
 Medley of Marches.
 John Tim Can Fushers. Toy Town Parade. Toy Drum Major. Toy Town Artillery. Colonel Bogey.
 1. King's Horses (Gay and Grainger).
 1.1 Stage Along With You (film).
 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
 9.00 p.m.—Irish Programme.
 The Dear Little Shamrock (Hacks).
 Danny Malone (Tenor) with Orchestra.
 Orange and Green (O'Donovan).
 Jimmy O'Dea (Vocal) with Orchestra.
 The Star of the County Down (arr. Hughes).
 John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.
 The Irish Navy (O'Donovan).
 Jimmy O'Dea (Vocal) with Orchestra.
 Where The River Shannon Flows (Russell).
 John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra.
 Mick McGiligan's Daughter (arr. Vine).
 Sam Carson with Orchestra.
 The Kerry Dance (Molloy).
 John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra.
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BOYS' RODEO RESCUE

WITH FIRES BLAZING before them and behind them, two schoolboys — one a little shrimp of a fellow — hauled terrified carthorses to safety during a fierce raid on Bristol.

Clinging grimly to the halters, the lads were jerked off their feet as the excited animals reared and plunged. But they held on. Not one of the horses broke loose and they saved more than thirty.

The boys, both Sea Scouts, were Leonard Herod, aged thirteen, and Sidney Meredith, who is fourteen of Sevier Street, Bristol.

They had volunteered for duty with a Y.M.C.A. canteen when bombs began to fall and they were ordered to a shelter.

As they stood there with many men and women, an A.F.S. woman asked for volunteers to rescue horses trapped in a blazing stable nearby.

Meredith told a reporter, "Leonard and I spoke up."

"I had never handled horses before in my life, but Leonard knows a little bit about them. He father had a horse which drew an ice cream cart."

At the stables, civilians, soldiers and sailors were bridling the horses. Leonard and Sidney said they would try to lead the animals to another stable several hundred yards away.

They led them out one by one and as the horses saw the fire in the street they got frightened.

"We were told to stop for a time as it was too dangerous, but later they came and asked us if we would volunteer again or the horses would be killed."

"We rushed back to the stable. The roof was on fire and cracking over our heads and glass was falling all round us. But somehow or other we managed to get all the big cart-horses out and saved all their lives."

Animal Saves Boy

Boys saved animals. And here is the story, from the same raid, of how an animal saved a boy. Lionel Jones, aged eleven, of Bristol, and his brown puppy, Peter, are inseparable companions. When the raid started, Lionel led a piece of string to Peter's collar and made for a shelter. They were just going out of the front door when the house was hit and they were buried in the ruins.

Brought "Evidence"

Fourteen hours later people were looking at the wreckage and saying no one could be alive inside it. Lionel's blind father, Mr. Jim Jones, his mother, his twenty-one-year-old sister Gracie and two men who had come into the house to help them were dead. Lionel's seventeen-year-old sister Eileen—she was at a cinema

when the house was hit — stood weeping.

"Suddenly," she told a reporter, "I heard a scratching noise."

"My married sister and I dug into the wreckage with our hands, and saw Peter's brown head."

"We freed him and the puppy crawled out with some of the wool from Lionel's jumper in his mouth."

"Lionel was rescued and is now in hospital with a leg injury."

SCHOOL AGE WILL GO UP

As soon as possible after the war, the school-leaving age will be raised to fifteen.

This was promised by Mr. H. Ramsbottom, Minister of Education, in a speech at Oxford to the Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools.

The raising of the school-leaving age, he said, would be in accordance with the Act of 1936.

His ultimate goal, he added, was to raise the age to sixteen, but before this was possible, adequate forms of education to suit varying tastes and capacities of the children must be devised.

He did not support the demand for secondary education for all, because forms of secondary education of sufficient variety and diversity did not exist.

Mr. A. S. Mason, of Hampton Grammar School, moving a resolution calling attention to the evil effects of inadequate school air raid shelters, said:

"I can imagine people saying, 'These blue pencil teachers want blue pencil armchairs in their blue pencil dug-out.' But that ain't the position at all. 'Children cannot keep fit in shelters which in winter are dark, cold and damp and in summer insufferably smelly. Shelters should be so designed that instruction can be given in them.'"

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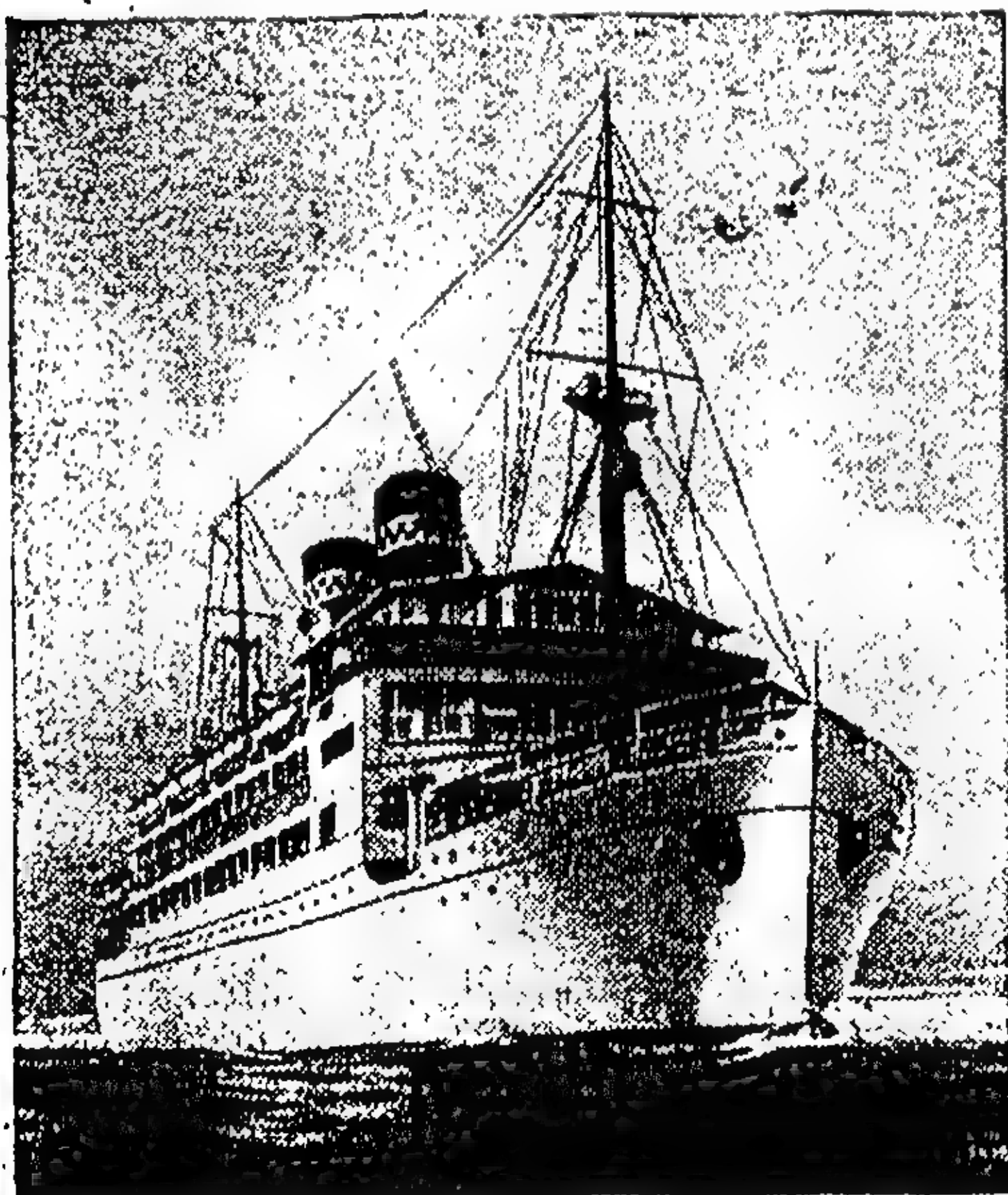
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BERG'S GALLANT FIGHT

Almost Knocked-Out But Wins On Points

Big London Boxing Display

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE were turned away from the Cambridge Theatre recently when Londoners had their first opportunity for six months of seeing big boxing, writes Norman Hurst.

In the main contests Jack (Kid) Berg and Dave Crowley, former British light-weight champions, beat Harry Craster and Johnny Cunningham respectively, although both conceded over half a stone in weight.

It was the old Berg in his wiliness to take the initiative and carry the fight to a heavier and stronger opponent.

Time after time Berg would pin the Middlesbrough man in a corner with light but scoring punches.

Craster seemed content to play a waiting game. He would smother up under Berg's attack, and then suddenly unleash a terrific left or right swing to the jaw.

Berg tired in the fifth round, and in the next Craster suddenly hooked a terrific right to the jaw when coming out of a clutch that nearly tore Berg's head off.

Berg, with nose bleeding and legs wobbling, was punched across the ring and went down for a count of four. But he quickly got up again, fighting desperately, and actually managed to put Craster down for a count of two.

Crowd Rose To Berg

Berg was wobbly but game, and the packed house rose to cheer him. From then on it was Craster backing himself to score one big punch against the hail of light

but point-adding punches that Berg delivered.

Berg has lost a lot of his old speed and much of the punch that made him popular in America, but he still retains the spirit and willingness to fight, and when his hand was raised as the winner he had well earned the verdict.

There is little that can be said about the Crowley-Cunningham fight.

Despite a big advantage in height, weight, and reach, Cunningham never showed any inclination to take the initiative, nor was the left hand he poked out in an attempt to stop Crowley's rushes any use.

Crowley weaving and bobbing, was inside Cunningham's guard before the soldier knew what it was about, and was always beating a tattoo on Cunningham's ribs.

It was a poor fight, but Crowley cannot be blamed, for he certainly tried all he knew to make a fight of it.

When the referee raised Crowley's hand as the winner, I do not think Cunningham could have been credited with one session.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER GAME POSTPONED

Owing to the unplayable state of the Navy ground, which was some inches under water when visited by the Referee and other officials, the second game of the Governor's Cup competition which was to be played yesterday was cancelled.

The decision was made after noon.

SOLD DERBY AND TWO "NATIONAL" WINNERS

A sportsman who sold a 100 to 1 Derby winner, Aboyer, a 100 to 1 Grand National winner, Gregalach, and another "National" winner, Grakle, has been appointed a Steward of the Irish National Hunt Committee.

When Mr. T. K. Laidlaw, the new Steward, bred Aboyer, he little knew that he had the colt destined to be one of the central figures in the racing sensation of the century.

The story of Craganour's disqualification and the Epsom Stewards' decision awarding the race to Aboyer—the most hotly criticised of any within memory—is too well known to be told here. But the sequel was that Mr. Lismay sold Craganour and retired from the Turf in disgust.

Gregalach's "National" victory in 1929 was at the main expense of probably the best chaser of the past two decades never to win the race—Easter Hero.

Until two or three fences from home Easter Hero looked like coming home alone, but weakened, and Gregalach overtook him to win decisively.

When Grakle won his "National" in 1931 he had Gregalach as runner-up.

YACHTING RESULTS

The result of the third cruiser championship and the first division of the seventh cruiser championship was held yesterday over 24 miles by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Results:

"R" CLASS, DIVISION 1			
	Cor.	Pts.	Pos.
Dorinda, E. Cock	3,26.55	8	1
Yehonula, Belman	3,39.36	35	2
Donna, A. O. G. Mills	3,53.34	39	3
Red Rover, R. W. Batesman	4,02.26	19	4
Norena, P. C. M. Sedgwick	4,11.21	36	5
"R" CLASS, DIVISION II			
Tyrone, B. Herschend	4,32.50	42	1
Evolene, R. L. Berridge	4,46.05	33	2
FOUR TONNERS			
Typhoon, D. Campbell	39	1	
Curlew, D. N. F.	30	—	
Tern, D. N. F.	27	—	

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles	
R. E. Guest v. Pang Ol-lam (3).	
C. Dunne v. Lt. Shields Goodman (6).	
Fung Yee-pui v. Kenneth Lo (7).	
Tsui Wai-pui v. O. Rumjahn (8).	
S. T. Chau v. We' Chung (1).	
Open Doubles	
J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith v. I. M. A. Ruzack and A. H. Minu (5).	

RUGBY CUP

Yorkshire Rugby League commence their County Challenge Cup Competition to-day, dates being fixed as follows:—First round, March 15; second round, March 22; semi-final, March 29; final, April 5.

It is expected 14 clubs will take part, Hull Kingston Rovers being unable to compete as their ground is not available.

As last season, 20 per cent. of the gate receipts at each match will go into a pool along with one-third of the final gate, and the clubs participating in the competition will share the pool.

GRIMMETT'S SUCCESSOR RETIRES

Frank Ward, who was hailed by some Australian optimists as a "second Grimmer" but wasn't, has retired from first-class cricket.

Maybe he never got over the battering he received from Hutton, Barnett, Paynter, and Compston during his first and only Test at Nottingham last year.

His average was 0 for 142 in 30 overs, yet he showed some of the most courageous batting of the series.

Hailed as the "mystery man" during the controversy which followed the non-selection of Grimmer for the tour, Ward had a similar action to the "gnome"—but there the likeness ended.

Following his disastrous Test debut, Ward took 5 for 108 against the Gentlemen, but then made so few appearances that it was wondered whether he had gone home until he was seen operating Bill Brown's cine-camera at the Oval Test.

KING'S FILLIES SELL WELL

An aggregate of 16,967 guineas was reached at the Newmarket Sales recently, when fillies from the King's stud at Sandringham sold well.

Top price was realised for His Majesty's Great Truth, a three-year-old filly by Bahram, the Derby winner, out of Frankly. She was bought by Mr. J. L. Jarvis, the Newmarket trainer, for 1,300 guineas.

A colt foal by Bahram out of Love Tie was returned as sold to "Mr. Cash" for 1,000 guineas. The buyer was a well-known woman owner who preferred to remain anonymous.

The total for the 120 lots sold was 47,303 guineas. The price paid by Lord Glendy for the stallion Tiberius was 3,700 guineas, not 5,200 guineas. The aggregate for Sir Abe Bailey's horses was, therefore, 43,177 guineas.

RACING AT FANLING

In connection with the March Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, which will be held over the Kwanti Course on Sunday, March 23, Race No. 6, the Kangaroo Cup, has been cancelled and the following event substituted:

The Dublin Consolation Cup.—A flat race of half-mile for China ponies, "E" Class, that have started at this meeting. Weight as allotted for the Dublin Handicap. Winner barred. Ponies placed second and third 5 lb. and 3 lb. penalties respectively. Winner £250, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100. Post entry \$5.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the football programme for the week—

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

First Division	
Royal Scots v. Navy	(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
South China v. Police	(Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.)

Third Division	
39th R.A. v. Air Force	(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
7th R.A. v. Signals	(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
12th R.A. v. Engineers	(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)

SATURDAY

Senior Shield Semi-Final	
Eastern v. Navy	(Club, 4.30 p.m.)

First Division	
Club v. Middlesex	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Police v. Kowloon	(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)
Junior Shield Semi-Final	
Service Corps v. Navy	(Club, 2.15 p.m.)

Second Division	
Middlesex v. Police	(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)
Royal Scots v. Club	(Military, 4.30 p.m.)
Kit Chee v. Ordnance	(Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)

Third Division	
12th R.A. v. Air Force	(Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)
Signals v. A.S.A.	(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)
38th R.A. v. International	(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
35th R.A. v. 7th R.A.	(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)
Shell v. Medicals	(Military, 3.00 p.m.)

SUNDAY

Senior Shield Semi-Final	
St. Joseph's v. South China	(Navy ground, 4.00 p.m.)
Junior Shield Semi-Final	
Sing Tao "B" v. South China	(Navy ground, 2.15 p.m.)

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

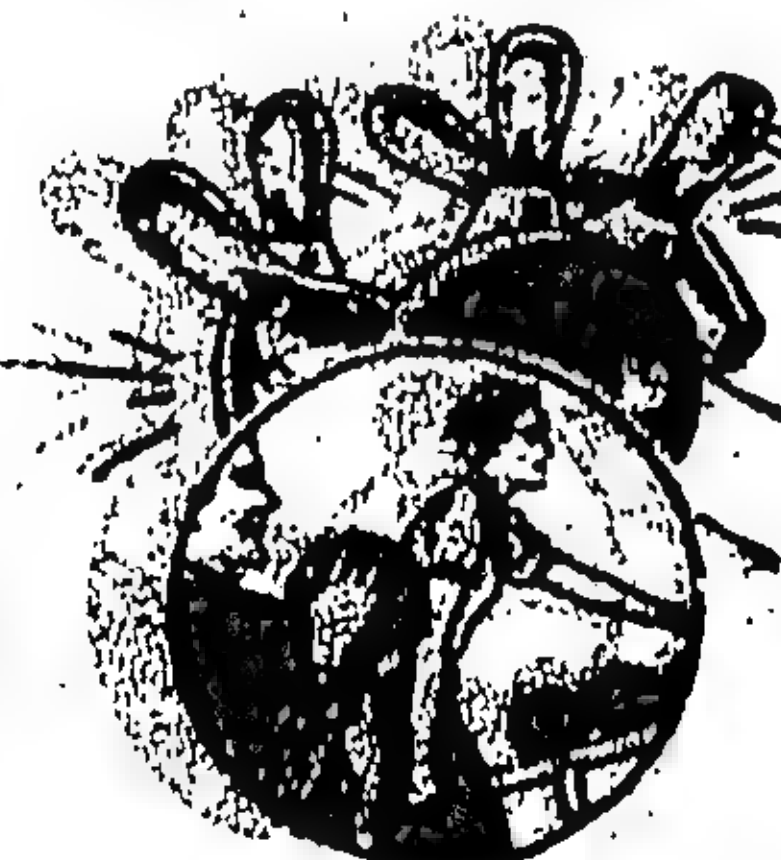
AT KING'S COLLEGE

Men's Junior Doubles

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v. E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho (7 p.m.)
C. C. Pereira and A. D. Xavier v. J. Hool and T. B. Teoh (7.45 p.m.)
P. A. Yvovich and B. T. Gosano v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Bryth (8.30 p.m.)

Mixed Doubles

E. Zimmern and Mrs. Zimmern v. P. Wong and Miss. Ribeiro (9.15 p.m.)
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FIRPO'S WHITE HOPE

Tex Rickard once said to Louis Firpo, the man who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring in a never-to-be-forgotten scrap, "If you find a man of the build of Dempsey, your punch, and a small chin, I will have an unbeatable champion."

Firpo now claims to have discovered a man with all these ring virtues, a farmhand named Able Cestax, who is 21.

"Cestax," says Louis, "punches twice as hard as I did. He is built like Dempsey, but has a longer reach."

There seems to be a big supply of these white hopes.

Half a dozen of these giant white hopes have been announced in the past few weeks, and only recently Jimmy Johnston said he was matching his latest find, 18st Abe Simon with Joe Louis.



THIS SEASON'S CLASSICS

Details of this season's substitute "classic" and other important races are as follows:

The New Derby and New Oaks are due to be run at Epsom on May 27, the New St. Leger at Doncaster on September 2, the New 2,000 Guineas and New 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 29, and the Gold Cup, the New St. James's Palace Stakes, the Queen Mary Stakes and the Coventry Stakes at Ascot on June 17.

But under the new powers of the Jockey Club, these races may be run on any course selected by the Stewards and on any date subsequent to and within 28 days of the advertised date.

FAMOUS JOCKEY

I hear Charlie Wood, wealthiest and most famous surviving jockey of the last century and Fred Archer's greatest rival, is ill at his Eastbourne home, writes a correspondent.

Charlie, who is 87, won the Derby three times (St. Blaise, St. Gatien, and Galtee More) and has had a more eventful and varied career than any other rider.

About 40 years ago, when he retired, he set up as a trainer. After a year or two he decided to give up the game and go in for building speculation. He sold his Jevington stables for £20,000.

A rich man when he left the saddle, he acquired fresh wealth by shrewd investments.

He has had between 30 and 40 shops damaged or destroyed by bombs.

For 20 years he has not visited a race meeting.

Conway's Post

Herman Conway, the West Ham goalkeeper, has been appointed A.R.P. officer for Burnley.

He held a post in one of the London districts as superintendent and now has returned to the place where he first made his name as a footballer.

Conway played for Burnley for five years before going South and, no doubt, will soon be wearing their colours again.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

FOOTBALL

NO less than 15 Soccer League games were played on Saturday and results were more or less as expected, though Eastern were given a fright by the lowly-placed Club, and only won by the odd goal in five.

St. Joseph's were beaten in the last minute by Navy.

In Second Division, Royal Engineers remain at the head of the table through their win over 30th R.A., while in Third Division An Force did well to beat 20th R.A. by 6 goals to 1 after being in arrears at the interval.

RUGBY

AT Boundary Street, Combined Services drew with Combined Club and Police in a friendly Rugby match when they scored a goal and a try (8 points) to a goal



and a try (8 points) after being led at the interval by 5 points.

Combined Services "A" beat Combined Club and Police "A" by two goals and a try (13 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) after leading at the interval by 8-5. Keeble scored a try and converted two of the Services' tries.

CRICKET

ONLY one cricket match was played on Saturday, in Second Division between Recreation and Indian Recreation Club. The former won by 82 runs.

ATHLETICS

THREE Athletic Sports meetings were held on Saturday. At Causeway Bay the heavy ground prevented any good times being returned at the Queen's College sports but, on the whole, the standard was high.

At Pokfulam, Gregg equalled a 10-year-old record in the 100 yards' event at the University Sports, while Mazusa was the individual champion.

Two new marks were set for the ladies' events when Miss Hargrave Curran broke the old record for the 50 yards and long jump events.

At Stanley, two records were broken at Stephen's College Sports, Kasetr winning the Small Boys' High Jump event, and a house relay team clipping off five seconds of the 400 Metres' relay record.

STOLEN HORSES USELESS

A broad hint that the stolen French racehorses and stud animals would bring no good to their new German owners was given by Lord Rosebery to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket recently.

Expressing the opinion that after we had won the war there would be an increasing demand for our thoroughbred stock, Lord Rosebery said France, so far as we knew, had lost the whole of hers and he pointed out that no one could enter an animal in the Stud Book without the authority of the owner and the approval of Messrs. Weatherby.

"Those people who have stolen the French horses," he added, "will not find them such a bargain as they thought."



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LOSS OF "SNAPPER" OF NORWAY FAME

The British submarine Snapper, commanded by Lt. G. V. Prowse, whose loss was announced by the Admiralty last evening, achieved fame for her exploits in inflicting considerable losses on German communications with Norway last summer.

On two successive days she attacked convoys of German transports and supply ships, sinking three, and probably four, of these vessels.

Later, Snapper, then commanded by Lt. W. D. A. King, sank two other German supply ships, including a tanker.—Reuter.

BUT LOSSES ARE STILL BELOW TEN PER CENT.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE NAZI "BLACK-OUT" OF MOONLIGHT AIR LOSSES OVER BRITAIN UNTIL YESTERDAY REFLECTS THE SHOCK THE RECORD OF BRITISH FIGHTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS AND "OTHER DEVICES" HAS GIVEN THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND.

After admitting on Thursday the failure of six aircraft to return the previous night, the German communique gave up the daily tally of its own losses.

Yesterday's Nazi communique countered the British claim that 27 German bombers were destroyed while the moon was up from Wednesday night onwards with an admission that 21 were lost in that period.

For two days the German public has been kept in ignorance whether their bombers have "returned safely" or not, and had to be content with exaggerated British losses.

The early closing of Saturday night's raid on Britain was not due to a German desire to avoid the moon, which rose shortly before the attack ended.

Fog, which threatened to blanket out the whole Continental bases, limited the length and scale of the raid.

Nazi Losses

Proportionate German losses last week were under 10 per cent and not at least until that percentage is reached is it likely that night operations of the Luftwaffe will seriously be affected.

Nazi operations by daylight have taken on a different emphasis.

Air Ministry communique, which have "nothing to report," underline the inability of Nazi planes to penetrate far inland over Britain with the R.A.F. in "mastery of the daylight air" over land.

Daylight attacks on shipping, with which the night hammering of ports is linked against the background of the Battle of the Atlantic, may be expected to increase as the weather improves.

Tonnage Figures

In the absence of particulars in the weekly Admiralty releases of tonnage sunk it will not be easy to follow the measure of their success.

Counterblows against enemy shipping by Coastal Command bombers are also increasing, and the defensive arm of the Command is being lengthened and thickened.

The Beau fighter, the R.A.F.'s newest night hawk, is also to be used for long-range operations, the Air Ministry revealed.—Reuter.

BELATED CHRISTMAS DINNER

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Constantly miles ahead of the main body of the British and Imperial forces, this Irish regiment was subjected to fierce bombing and machine-gun attacks until they reaped the final reward by putting paid to the remnants of Graziani's retreating legions in the terrific tank-battle of Beda Fomm.—Reuter.

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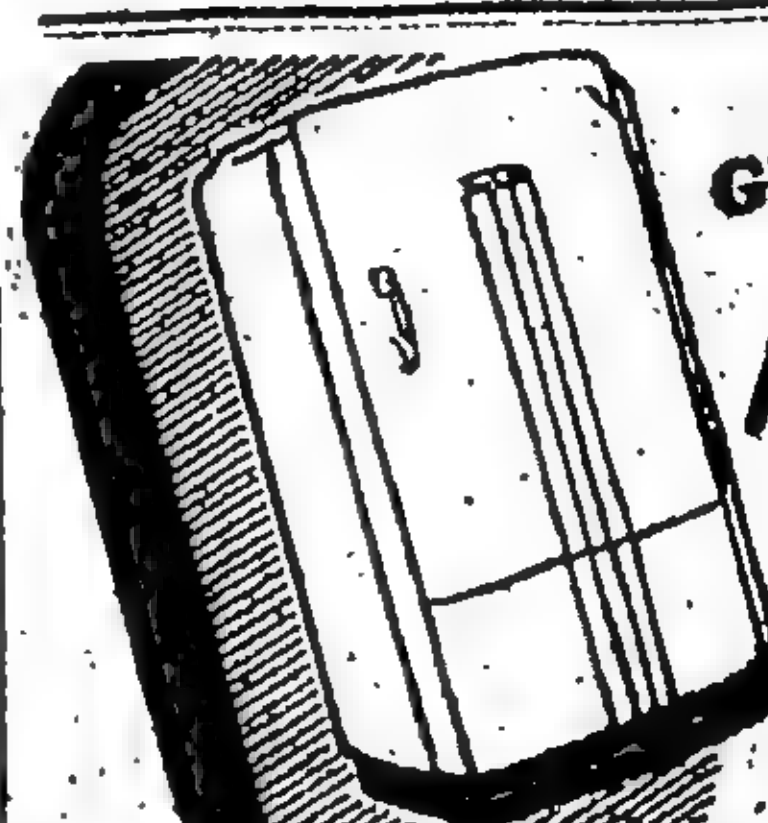
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Negotiations Drag On

The Yugoslav-German negotiations are dragging on, with the Nazis still reluctant to agree to the Yugoslav proposal for a non-aggression pact based on absolute neutrality, coupled with recognition of the complete integrity of Yugoslav territory and interests.

Further evidence of the firm desire of Yugoslavia to maintain absolute neutrality is contained in a leading article in the independent Belgrade newspaper "Politika," one of Belgrade's principal dailies.

After emphasising that strict neutrality is Yugoslavia's policy, the newspaper stresses that nobody hitherto has threatened the country but that Yugoslavia would resist an attack from any quarter.

"Tricks Or Pressure"

Yugoslavs would reject all attempts to turn them from the path they were following to-day and would refuse to submit "to any policy of tricks or pressure which would humiliate them in their own eyes."

In the event of such an attempt being made the nation, despite its desire for peace, would defend its freedom and independence. — Reuter.

MINE EXPLOSION DAMAGE

Several houses were damaged, walls being cracked and windows shattered, in Shap Lung Village, about a mile and a half south-west of Silver Mine Bay (Lantau Island) last Wednesday night when a mine exploded on the beach.

There were, however, no casualties.

According to a belated police report, two mines drifted from their moorings towards Lantau by a naval patrol.

Licking Wounds: Forty Per Cent. Effectives Lost

"LICKING THEIR wounds" after their unsuccessful seven-day offensive on the central battlefield in Albania, the Italians refrained from any major attacks yesterday, said an Athens official spokesman.

The Italians appear to be busy attending to their wounded and, according to prisoners, are making lying attempts to mask the extent of their debacle, added the spokesman.

He described the Italian High Command as enraged at the failure of their offensive despite the employment of 120,000 men.

The spokesman said the loss of Italian effectives engaged was often as high as 40 per cent. — Reuter.

Rome Admission

The first admission that anything unusual is going on at the Greek front, was made by Rome radio yesterday.

Referring to an announcement in yesterday's Italian communique, that "in the course of local activity Italian troops captured arms and prisoners in the sector of the 11th Army," the announcer indicated that

"Something more than patrol activity is in progress and that the action was intended as a test of enemy resistance on the Greek front, where things are getting hot." — Reuter.

Messages from war correspondents with the Greek Army on the Albanian front state that the Italian forces thrown into the offensive launched at Mussolini's orders seven days ago are put at 120,000 men, operating on a front of about 20 miles.

Mussolini, a message states, lost several of his closest collaborators, including six members of the Fascist Grand Council, of whom some, like Professor Pellegrini, have been taken prisoner and others, like Barbellini, killed.

Italian losses are estimated at some 50,000 men killed, wounded and captured.

The debacle is attributed by correspondents to the accuracy of Greek artillery fire, the skill and ability of machine-gunners and the alertness of the infantry, as well as to a lack of morale in the Italian troops.

Mown Down

Whole Italian regiments, it is stated, have been flung against positions held only by small Greek detachments, only to be mown

U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

Two United States cruisers and four destroyers will arrive at Auckland (New Zealand) to-day in the course of a training cruise.

Announcing this in Wellington yesterday, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, said the warships will leave again on Thursday. — Reuter.

Greeks Rescue RAF Pilot

A battle between Greeks and Italians, with a British airman as prize, is described in the Greek newspaper "Eleftheron" quoted on Athens radio last night.

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THE AIRMAN BALED OUT AND LANDED SAFELY NEAR THE ITALIAN LINES. THE ITALIANS PREPARED TO TAKE HIM PRISONER BUT A BAND OF GREEKS SPRANG FROM THEIR POSITIONS AND ENGAGED THE ENEMY.

A hand-to-hand battle ensued which ended with the defeat of the Italians.

The British airman was taken back in triumph to the Greek line, where his rescue was suitably celebrated. — Reuter.

Island at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

One of the mines struck rocks off Shap Lung Village and exploded.

The other mine, it is understood, has been rendered useless by a naval patrol.

NAZI FIRE BLITZ

German raiders dropped many hundreds of incendiary bombs on a West of England town last evening but few fires resulted.

High explosive bombs were also used.

London had a brief alert during the evening but so far no incidents have been reported.

The Air Ministry announce that there is nothing to report concerning the daylight hours yesterday. — Reuter.

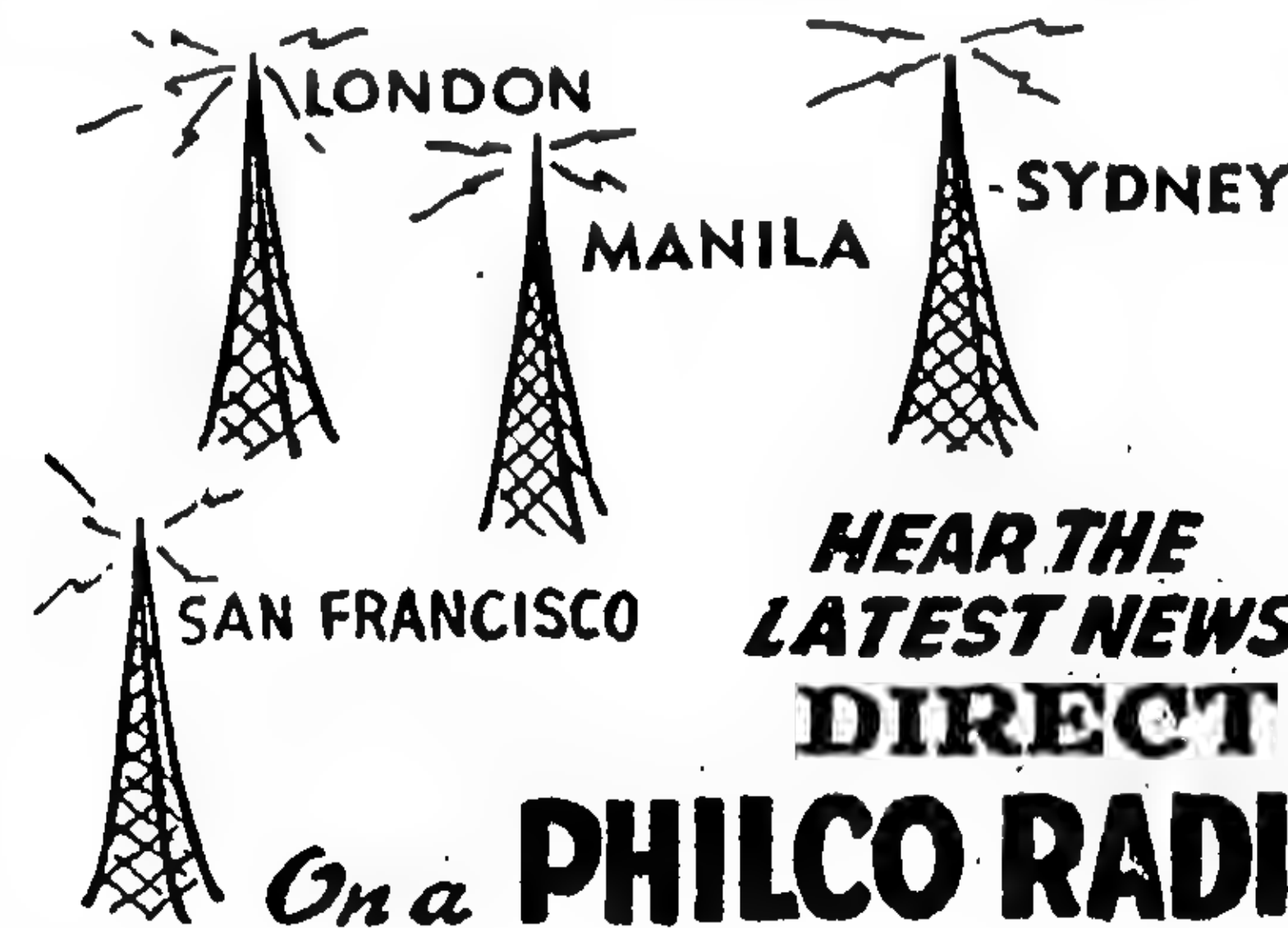
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MISSING 'PLANE REPORTED SAFE

It is now known that an aircraft previously reported missing from last Saturday night's operations by the Bomber Command has landed safely away from its base, says Reuter from London.



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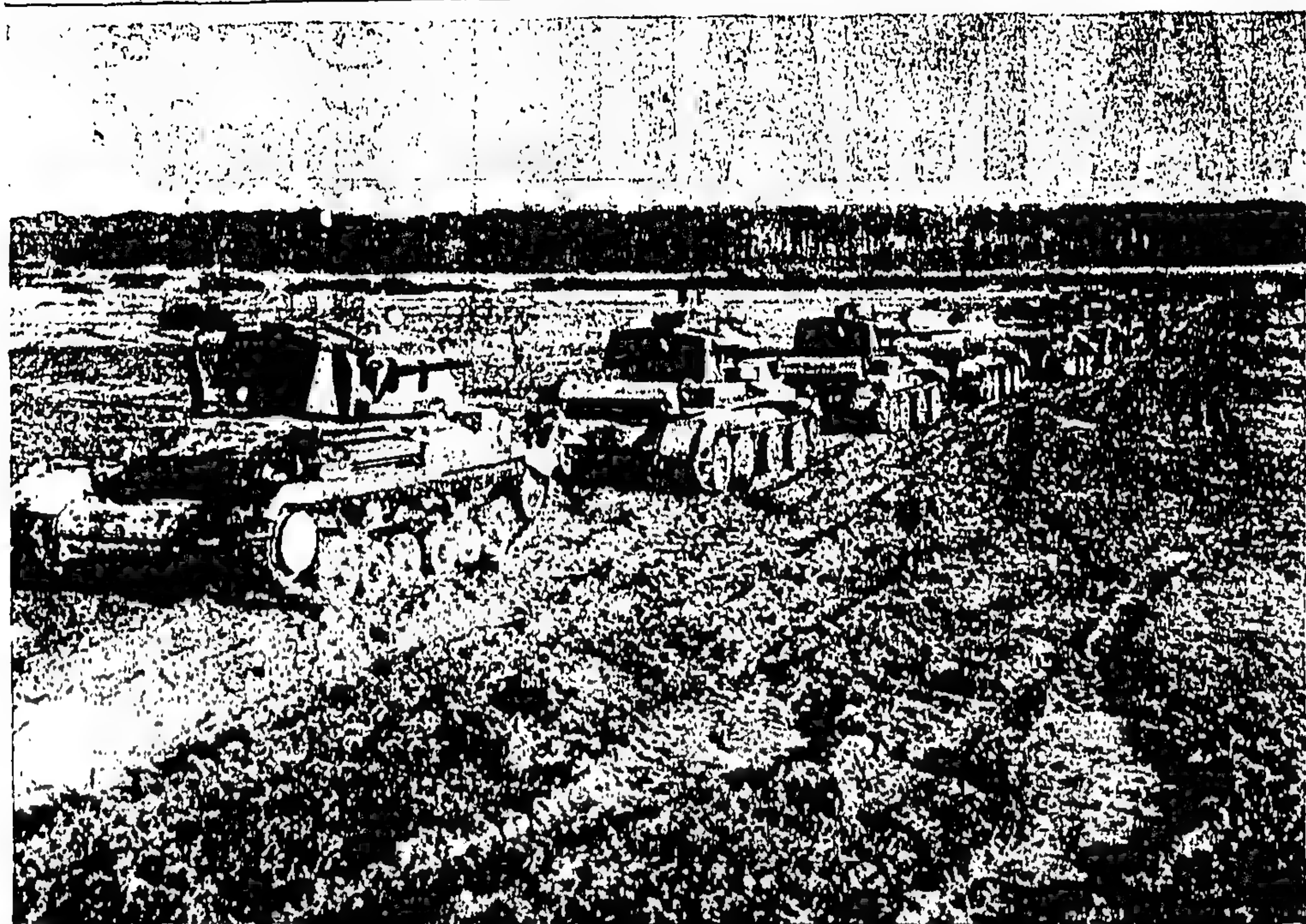
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STAGGERED BY POWER OF MOBILE UNITS

THE RAPIDITY AND suddenness of the British and Imperial advance, upsetting entirely the enemy's calculations, constitutes the main reason for the smashing victory in Italian Somaliland.

Information received from Cairo military headquarters yesterday indicates that the Italian general officer commanding in Somaliland did not dream an advance would be made until after the rains, or three months later than expected.

It appears that "our motor transport leaves the enemy gapping at their quality, and our equipment generally makes them envious."

The behaviour of the Askaris Italian (native troops), too, has been disappointing, which can be attributed to the determination of the British aerial and artillery attacks.

In addition, their morale is extremely low owing to non-receipt of pay, poor food and bad equipment.

Juba Defeat

Furthermore, much faith was placed in the River Juba, the natural defences of which were considered almost unsurmountable.

Military quarters in Cairo conclude: "There appears to be very bitter feeling between Royalists and Fascists."

"THE FORMER PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE REGULARS, TAKING ORDERS FROM 'POLITICAL SOLDIERS' PLACED IN COMMAND BY FASCISM." — REUTER.

LINER PROPOSAL DROPPED

The large American liners, Washington and Manhattan, will not sail between Lisbon and the United States.

A suggestion was made a few days ago that they should replace the smaller vessels now in service.

The scheme has now been abandoned but the need for more ships on this route is shown by the fact that the American Export Lines' four ships on the Lisbon service are booked up many months ahead. — Reuter.

COLONEL DONOVAN IN LISBON

BEFORE COLONEL WILLIAM DONOVAN, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO EUROPE, LEFT FOR HOME BY THE CLIPPER ON SATURDAY, HE HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH SIR SAMUEL HOARE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, WHO CAME TO LISBON A DAY OR TWO PREVIOUSLY BY CAR FROM MADRID.

It is understood they discussed the question of supplies to Spain, Portugal and unoccupied France. Col. Donovan also conferred with Dr. Salazar, the Portuguese Premier. — Reuter.

CARRYING THE WAR TO REICH

"Some reasons" were given by Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday when he said the splendid leadership of Mr. Churchill in Britain had been splendidly paralleled by President Roosevelt overseas.

"Machines, produced by British labour and manned by British manpower, defeated the attacks made on us by the numerically far stronger German air force last summer," he said.

"That same combination is carrying the counter attack to Germany to make her wish she had never started aerial warfare."

Hitler was speaking so often of his 70 million Germans, standing together against Britain, and made a great miscalculation in forgetting the millions of Britishers from the Empire overseas who were pouring of their own free will into Britain to fight for an ideal. — Reuter.

GUNNY BAG CHARGE

Kwok Sau-chow, 27, merchant, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by exporting gunny sacks out of the Colony without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Mr. M. W. Lo pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendant.

It was alleged that some 2,000 gunny bags were placed into three junks off Connaught Road West on Friday last.

Hearing was fixed for April 4. Revenue Officer Tocher is in charge of the case.

WAR GIFTS BY THE EDMONTONS

The Minister of Aircraft Production, in letters thanking Edmonton, London, and Edmonton, Canada, for their first combined contribution of £8,600 towards the purchase of two Spitfires states: "The gift symbolises the bond of unity between Britain and Canada in this struggle against forces seeking to banish the principles of freedom and justice from the world."

Two Edmontons seek to raise a total of £10,000. — British Wireless.

BRITAIN SELLING UP IN U.S.

The British holding in the American Viscose Corporation, a subsidiary of Courtauld's Ltd., and the largest producer of rayon in the United States, has been sold on behalf of the British Government to a group of American investment and banking firms.

The transfer of what was probably Britain's most valuable single holding in the United States, as part of the programme to raise dollar exchange, was announced in New York yesterday by a British Treasury expert.

TOTAL PRICE CANNOT YET BE STATED BUT THE CONTRACT REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$40,000,000 ON ACCOUNT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN \$80,000,000 AND \$100,000,000 WILL BE REALISED. — REUTER.

ITALY SIGNS A TRADE PACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was announced from Rome yesterday that a trade agreement has been signed between Italy and Yugoslavia. — International News Service.

EIRE'S BID FOR ARMS FROM AMERICA

Mr. Frank Aiken, Eire Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, left Lisbon on Saturday by Clipper for the United States to study the possibility of buying American arms and supplies, says a Lisbon despatch to the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR STRENGTH

The Royal Canadian Air Force was over 50,000 strong on Feb. 19, according to a report filed in the Dominion House of Commons in Ottawa on Saturday, says Reuter.

THE MEAT RATION

The meat ration in Britain this week will remain at 1 1/2d. worth for adult and 7d. for children under six states the Food Ministry, quoted in a British Wireless message.

NEW CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR ARM

Rear-Admiral Lyster, who commanded the aircraft-carriers from which the Fleet Air Arm bombed Italian warships at Taranto, has been appointed Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of the Naval Air Services.

He succeeds Vice-Admiral Sir Guy C. C. Royle.

Promoted to flag rank a month before the outbreak of the present war, 53-year-old Rear-Admiral Lyster was mentioned in despatches at Narvik.

Vice-Admiral Royle, whom he succeeds, became Chief of the Naval Air Services in 1930. It was the first important appointment made by Mr. Churchill after becoming First Lord. At 56, Vice-Admiral Royle is now being lent to the Government of Australia for duty as first naval member of the Commonwealth Naval Board. — Reuter.

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DEMOCRACY GOES INTO ACTION

Mr. Willkie Praises Pres. Roosevelt's Speech

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH WAS DESCRIBED AS "AN ENUNCIATION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF AMERICA" BY MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, WHO, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S OBJECTIVES WOULD BE BETTER ATTAINED IF HE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO A REAL DEFENCE COMMISSION.

"Appropriation alone won't do the job. We all pray he meets the opportunity to become the greatest statesman of his generation, for he must do so if Democracy is to be saved."

Australia's reaction to the President's speech was expressed in Sydney yesterday by the Acting Federal Premier, Mr. Fadden, who said: "President Roosevelt's inspiring words will put fresh heart into all lovers of freedom."

Mr. Fadden added: "There could be no more magnificent tonic for the British peoples and those other Democracies than the calm, reassuring tones in which he pledged American help on a scale which would have been beyond the wildest dreams a few months ago."

THE GERMAN RADIO GAVE THE FIRST NAZI COMMENT ON THE SPEECH, SAYING: "THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH."

"No help whatever given to England could affect the issue of the war," added the Nazi announcer.

Death-Warrant

"A political act of the first magnitude," is how Athens radio described the speech last night.

The announcer added that by it, President Roosevelt officially and irrevocably signed the death warrant of Hitler's new order.

THE COMMENT CONCLUDED: "IT IS INDEED POSSIBLE TO SAY THAT MARCH, 1941, IS AN ILL - OMEN FOR TYRANNY."

No editorial comment is published in Madrid.

Spanish Interest

While Spanish correspondents in Berlin and Rome are minimising the importance of American aid to Britain, the interest of the Spanish people is reflected in the prominence which the newspapers give to news from the United States.

Yesterday, for example, the newspaper "Ya" gives heavy type headlines to reports that new bombers are being manufactured by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation for Britain.

President Roosevelt's assurance that United States aid to the Democracies will be "not partial but total," was particularly welcomed.

MACAO FREIGHTS

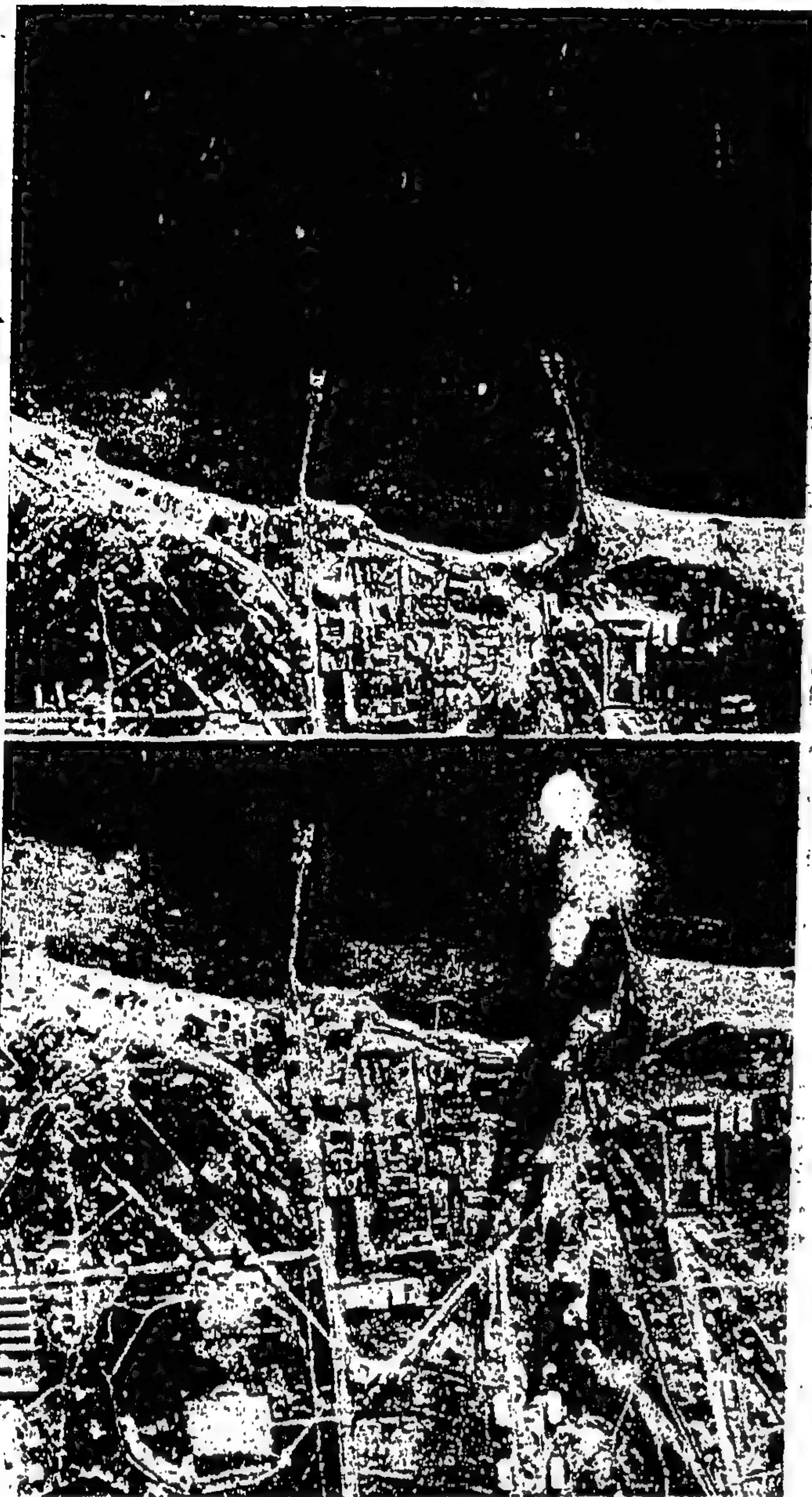
FREIGHT ON SHIPS PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAO IS TO BE INCREASED SHORTLY, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNS.

A combined meeting of representatives of shipping companies which have vessels plying between the British and Portuguese Colonies, is to be held this week to discuss the amount of the increase.

NETLEY PARK FOR THE NATION

A total of 214 acres of land at Netley Park, near the beautiful Surrey village of Shere, is to be acquired for preservation for the National Trust as a result of the purchase by the trustees of the W. A. Robertson bequest which has already presented to the National Trust a number of notable properties in the neighbourhood of London.

The Netley Park estate includes beautiful mixed woodlands with beech, young ash and some larch. These it will be aim of the Trust to restore and maintain after the war.—British Wireless.



Britain's aid to Greece and the accuracy of British Royal Air Force bombing are both illustrated in these pictures. Top photo shows the port of Valona before the raid. Below, direct hits being scored on the jetty which was the primary objective, while other bombs are bursting for a distance inland.—(Copyright, Fox.)

98 DOWN IN ONE WEEK

During the week-ended midnight on March 15, 42 enemy aircraft has been destroyed over Britain and the British coasts. Of these 35 were destroyed during the hours of darkness.

In the same period the R.A.F. lost one aircraft in this area.

Over enemy and enemy occupied territory and over the sea the R.A.F. have destroyed six enemy aircraft and lost 19. One British bomber, which was reported missing from Saturday night's operations, and since announced as having "landed safely away from base," is not included in these figures.

In the same week one enemy aircraft was destroyed by a Norwegian merchant ship, one by a British naval ship and two were probably destroyed.

The previous week's figures for aircraft destroyed by ships should be now increased by one, it having been confirmed that an enemy aircraft crashed in the sea after hitting a trawler's mast on March 7.

In the Middle East theatre of war up to March 14, 48 enemy aircraft were destroyed for the loss of three R.A.F. machines.

The figures given here take into

VIOLENT STORM IN DAKOTA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SCORES OF HOUSES WERE DEMOLISHED DURING A VIOLENT STORM WHICH STRUCK THE NORTH-WEST OF THE UNITED STATES FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO MINNESOTA ON SATURDAY.

The number of casualties have not been ascertained so far.

The storm raged for several hours causing considerable damage and reaching as far as the Canadian border across Montana.—International News Service.

BOX HERO HONOURED

At a church parade yesterday attended by Sea Cadets, of which he was formerly a member, a boy hero of Narvik was presented with a gold watch subscribed for by his relatives and friends in recognition of his fidelity to duty during the battle.

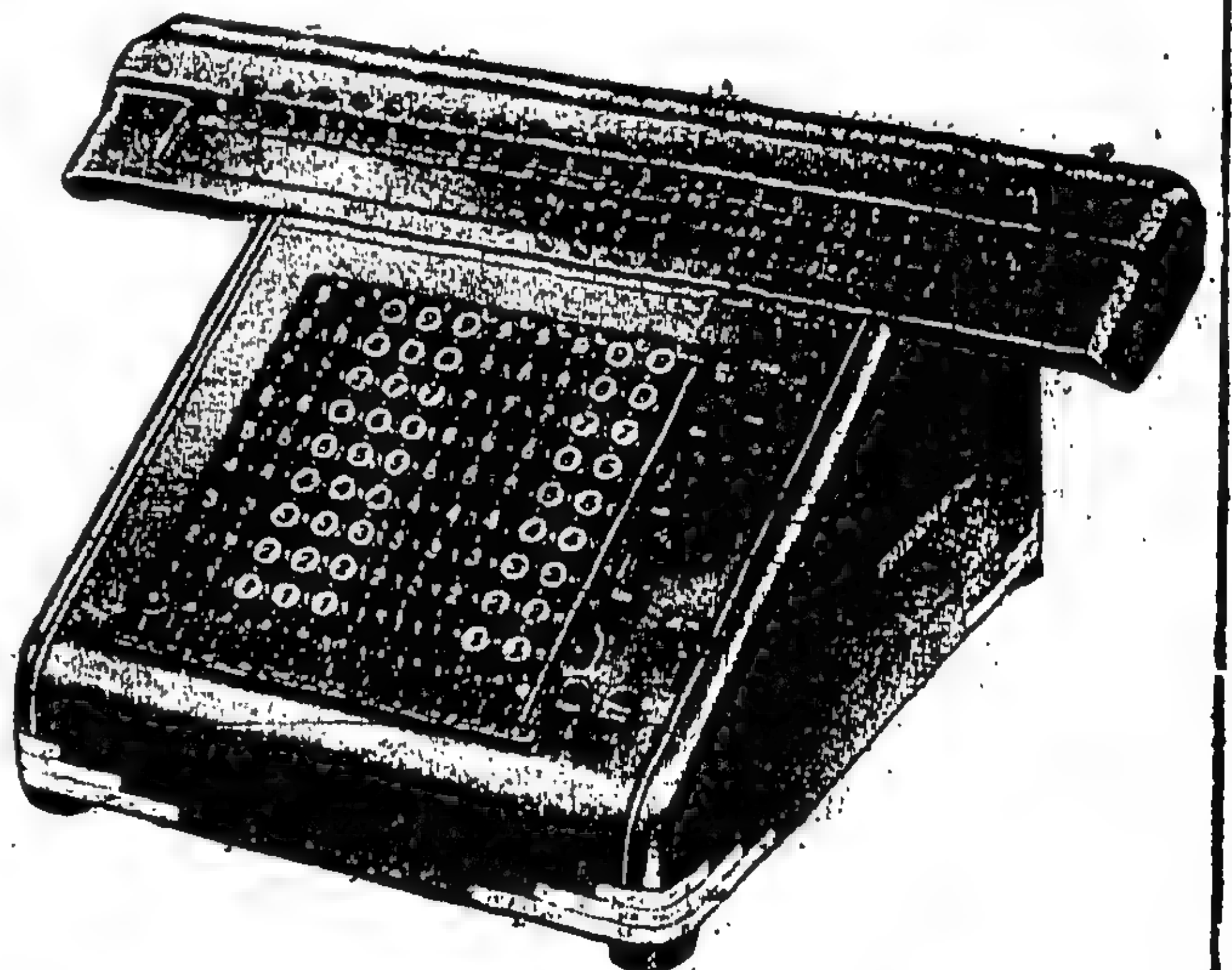
His name is Jimmy Harris and his rank in the Navy, "First Class Boy," is descriptive of his character as well.

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account an increase of two over the figure given March 11 and one for March 14.—British Wireless.

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NO QUESTION OF FRANCE DECLARING WAR ON ENGLAND

A STATEMENT THAT there was no question of declaring war on Britain, was made in Vichy yesterday by the Comte de Brinon, Vichy Ambassador to occupied France, yesterday when he concluded a tour of the occupied regions.

"There is no question of declaring war on Britain," he said, "but, putting into practice the policy of collaboration (with Germany), the country must take stringent measures to effect recovery and to profit from the hard lessons we have had to learn."

Meanwhile, M. Henry Haye, Vichy Ambassador to Washington, had an hour's conversation with Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, yesterday on the subject of food for France.

A message from Washington to the Vichy news agency, announcing this, says: Mr. Hull told M. Haye he is in contact with the British blockade authorities on the question.

M. Haye also said after the interview that the Vichy Government would certainly agree to American control of the distribution of food which might be sent to unoccupied France. — Reuter.

HISTORIC FILM STARS

Selection Committee of the British Film Institute has just compiled a list of 12 stars who have made the greatest contribution to the cinema. The list is:—

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Charlie Chaplin.
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Greta Garbo.
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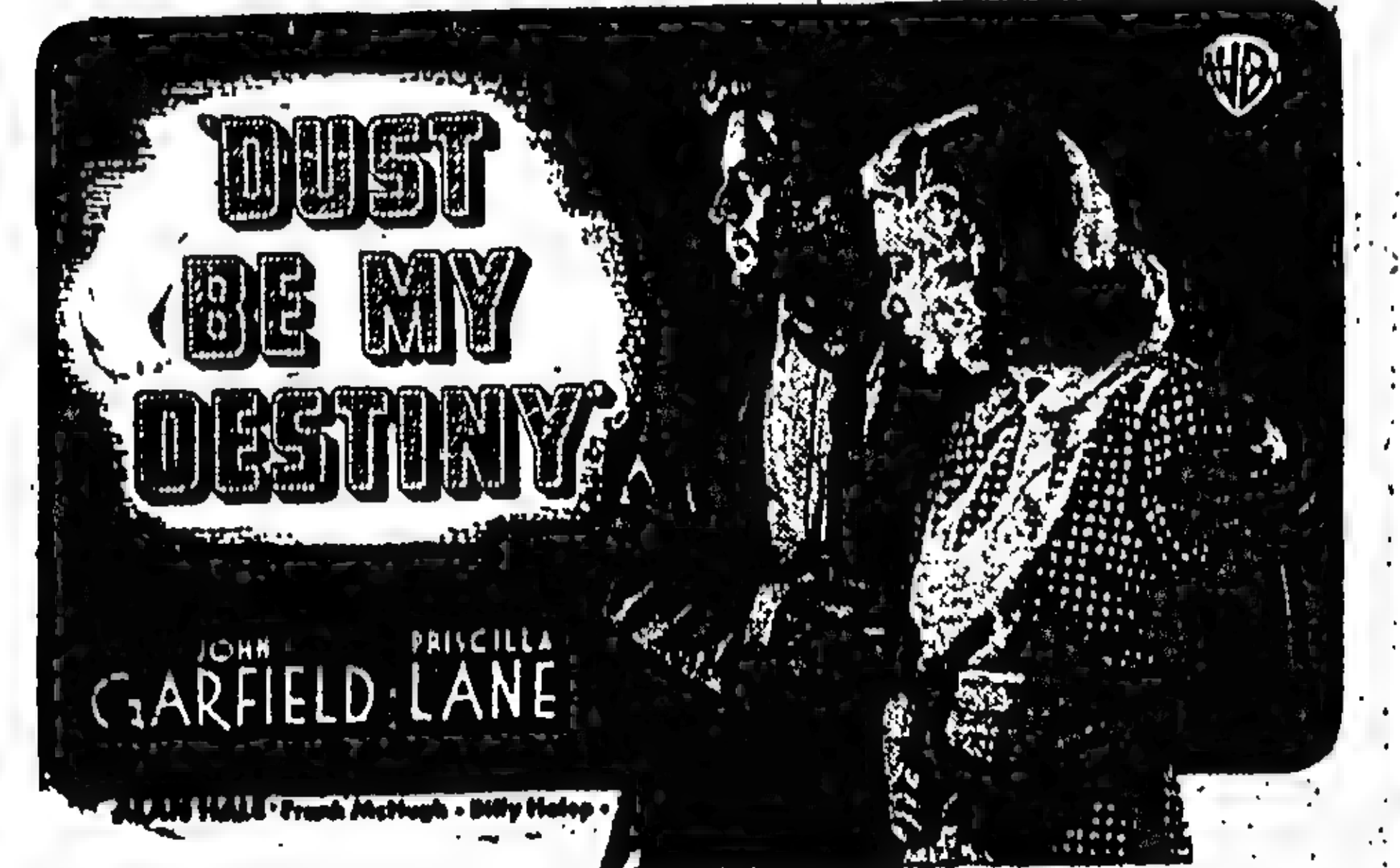
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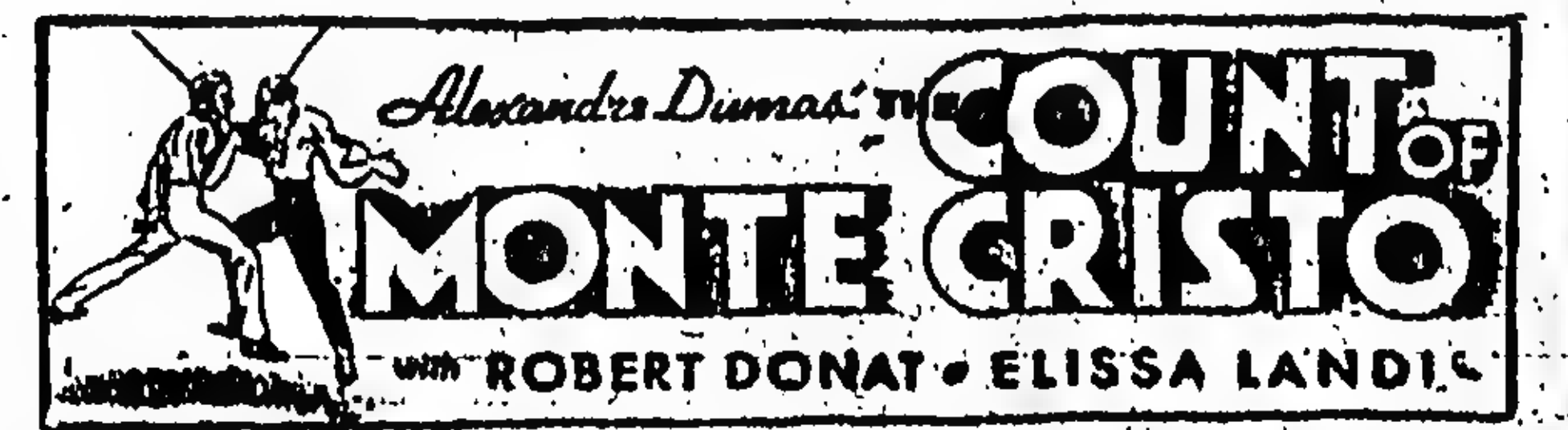
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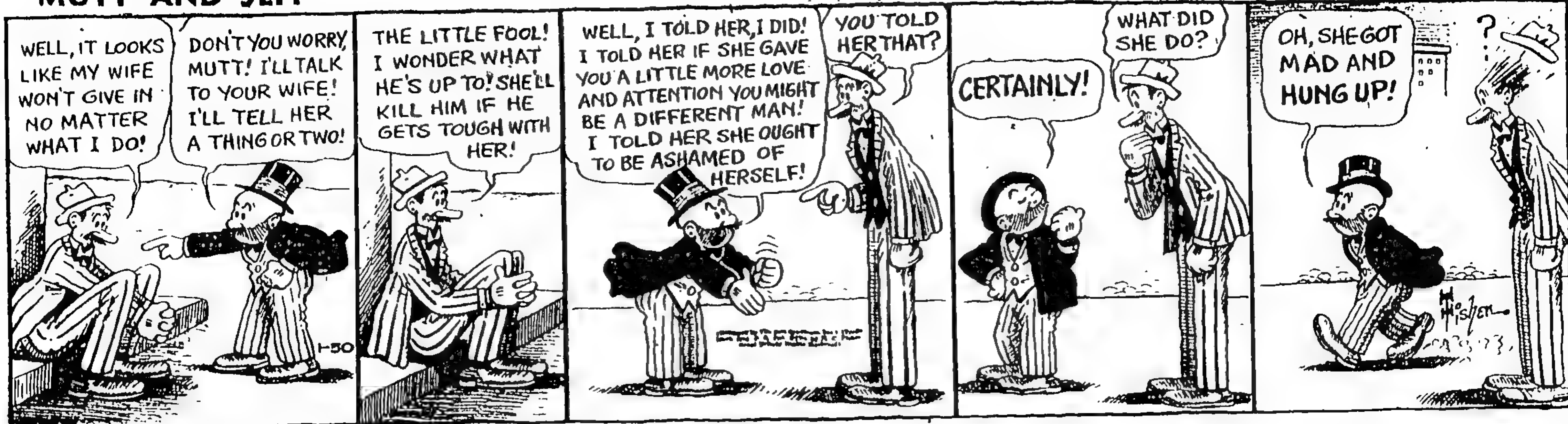
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MUTT AND JEFF

By RIID FISHER



Heroes Of City's First "Blast"

THE HEART of London was shaken recently by a terrific explosion when Royal Engineers carried out the first of their blasting operations on buildings left unsafe after the fire blitz.

But before the big bang there was a dramatic scene in which the coolness of the Engineers put them high in the list of this war's heroes.

The building was in Newgate Street. No one was allowed in the street except the men on the job. But crowds watched from behind barriers.

Gun cotton was placed at the base of the building, and when all was ready the Engineers withdrew.

The crowd waited breathlessly, all eyes turned on the jagged, fire-stained outline of a building near the centre of the street.

Nothing happened. The time for the explosion had expired. There was a brief consultation.

Then, as hundreds wondered, a major of the Royal Engineers said quietly: "I am going to see what has happened." Without a word he was joined by a lieutenant-colonel of the Royal Engineers and an N.C.O.

Together they walked slowly along the street to the doomed building. They disappeared from sight, and shortly afterwards reappeared.

They had established that the time fuse had ceased to burn within an inch of the detonating point, probably due to a sudden obstruction.

A fresh fuse was produced, it was set; everybody withdrew, and then the silence was shattered by an immense report, accompanied by a ball of black smoke.

The crazy walls went sky high, debris shot around, and the cloud of smoke, which obscured the scene temporarily, drifted across to St. Paul's causing the dome momentarily to disappear from view.

Everyone admired the manner in which the Royal Engineers carried out their work, and the calm courage shown by those who unhesitatingly went forward into danger when the fuse failed.

It was stated that many more buildings will have to be blown up.

TOOK BABY TO DECEIVE HUSBAND

Court Allegation

A young married woman took away a five-week-old baby to keep up a deception that she herself and had a baby, counsel alleged at Tottenham, London.

Mrs. Alma Armstrong, twenty-one, of Sunderland, whose husband is in the Army, was committed for trial at the Old Bailey on the charge of taking away the child, Barbara Frost, daughter of Mrs. Frost, Bath Road, Edmonton, with intent to deprive the parent of its care.

The baby was missed from a pram outside an Edmonton store.

Detective-Inspector Crates, of the Metropolitan Police, said Mrs. Armstrong made a statement which was a confession that she stole the baby.

Mrs. Armstrong was married last March to a soldier with whom she had been walking out and to whom she said she was going to have a baby, said Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting.

According to her story she had a miscarriage in May, but did not tell anybody, not even her husband, and pretended she was still going to have a baby.

Later she told her mother, who lived at Enfield, that she had had a baby in August at a hospital in Chelsea which had been bombed, and that the baby was at Tunbridge Wells.

"She wrote to her husband in the Army in September that she had had a baby," continued Mr. Morgan. "Having gone so far with this deception she had to get hold of a baby somehow, as she was drawing an Army allowance on behalf of a non-existent child."

"In November she went to a woman on whose doorstep a child had been abandoned and begged to be allowed to adopt the baby. The woman refused."

"Mrs. Armstrong got a letter from her husband in December that he was coming home on leave and told her to go with the baby to a relative in Sunderland."

"She got a voucher from the education authorities for a baby. The only thing then to do was to find a baby in view of her previous lies."

Detective-Sergeant Bell, of the Sunderland C.L.D., said the missing baby was found at the house of Mrs. Armstrong's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mackenzie, at Plymouth Square, Sunderland.

A birth certificate in the name of Sylvia Elizabeth Armstrong, an identity card, insurance book, vaccination paper and Army allowance card, all relating to the child were found in her possession.

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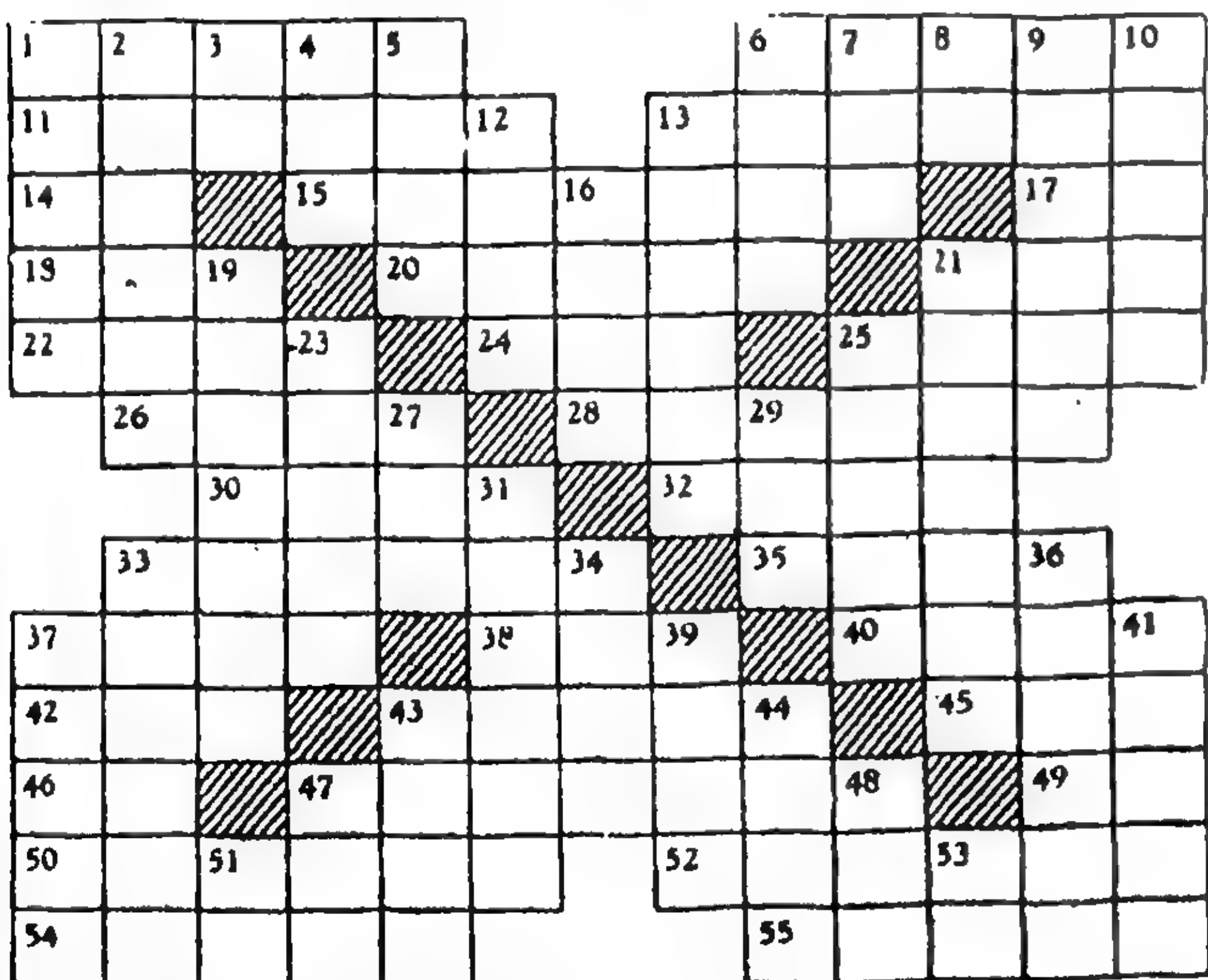
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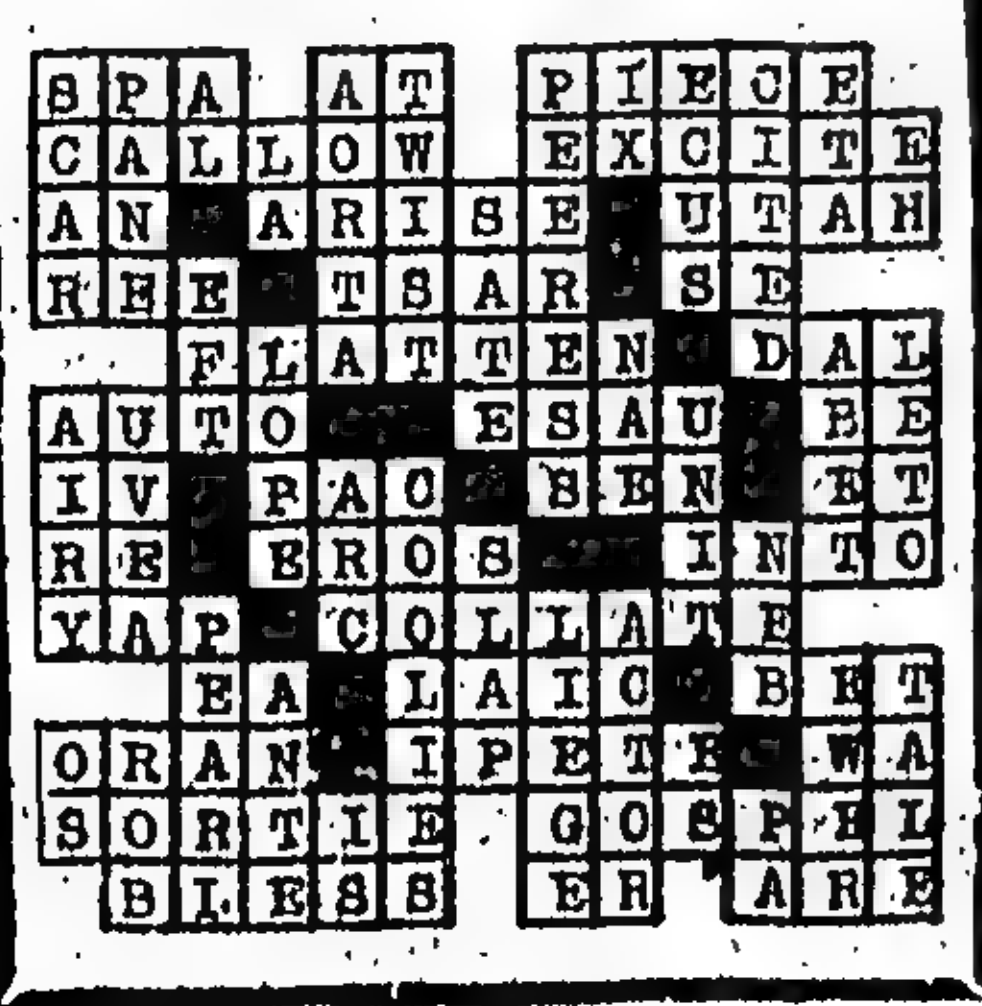
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NAZIS FORGE OUR MONEY: BANKERS ARE ASTONISHED

(By A Special Correspondent in Geneva)

FORGED BANK OF ENGLAND notes which have appeared in Geneva, Switzerland, are such good imitations that even experienced bank officials have been puzzled.

I inspected a £10 note which experts say is the finest forgery they have ever seen. It comes from Occupied France. This note is only one of many that have come to Geneva for verification. One bank alone has seven £100 Bank of England notes—all forgeries.

Bankers believe that the Germans have started a big scheme to undermine confidence in British currency.

In the last war the Germans made big efforts to do this in foreign countries. There is, of course, no fear in banking circles that the forgeries will be introduced to Britain.

The import of bank notes is prohibited by a defence regulation.

The Geneva forgeries have all the characteristics of real notes, reproduced with great accuracy.

Only the paper differed slightly from the original.

Real Test

This is what happened when the bank officials first saw the notes:

They looked at the serial number—in forgeries this does not usually change. They did in these notes.

They looked at the watermark; these were perfect.

Then they tested the strength of the paper. A real note folded tightly will bear a weight of 50lb. These could not stand a strain of more than 20lb.

Gang Rounded Up

Recently a gang was rounded up near Istanbul, Turkey, after forged Bank of England notes had been found in enormous quantities.

The counterfeits were of two types—one an indifferent imitation known to have come from Italy, and the other a good forgery believed to have come from Germany.

This gang, which included a number of good looking women, sold the bank notes to people about to leave Turkey.

When they had smuggled them out, defying the Turkish regulations, they were unable to take any action when they found the notes were false.

HE STOLE FROM THE PALACE

A CARPENTER WHO STOLE A SILVER GILT BOX AND KEY WORTH £10 FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

The man, Patrick O'Flynn, aged 24, a native of Cork living at Loftus Road, Shepherd's Bush, appeared at Bow Street Police Court. He pleaded guilty and asked for the theft of two leather wallets from the Palace Royal Mews to be taken into consideration.

Divl. Det. Inspector Swain said O'Flynn was employed by contractors to repair windows at the Palace.

With a screwdriver he opened a cabinet in one of the corridors and stole the box and key.

He was stopped in the street with the property in his possession. The wallets were at his home.

His wages were £6 10s. a week. Previously he earned £10 10s. a week.

"No doubt he thought the gilt

BRUCE'S SWORD LOST IN MANSION FIRE

Priceless historical relics, including paintings and a sword which belonged to Robert the Bruce, were lost when Dunstaffnage House, near Oban, was burned to the ground.

The house was a mile from the picturesque ruins of Dunstaffnage Castle, formerly the residence and crowning place of Scottish kings. From the castle the famous "Stone of Destiny" was removed to Scone, near Perth, and is now under the throne at Westminster Abbey.

HUMORIST SNUBS TOOLS OF NAZIS

Invited by the American First Committee to take part in its campaign to keep the United States out of all foreign wars, Frank Sullivan, the well-known humorous writer, has sent a response which puts into words what many Americans have been feeling for some time.

"In reply to your telegram," he says, "I won't cooperate with your so-called America First Committee. From all I've heard and read about it, I'm convinced it comprises a bunch of appeasers. Therefore I say it's spinach and I say 'To hell with it!'"

"We have a President in Washington," Sullivan goes on, "whose foreign policy a large majority of our people favour. He seems to be doing all right with that policy. There is therefore no need for any group of self-appointed statesmen to take over that policy."

"I suggest you call your apparently timorous committee together and buck them up by reading to them the address the President made on the evening of Dec. 29, particularly the paragraph in which he described the use Nazi agents make of well-meaning boobs in this country. My guess is that if your America First group and similar groups, with their Lindberghs, Joe Kennedys, Ham Fishs and Vandenberges went far enough they would land America third behind Nazi Germany and Japan."

articles were gold," said the officer.

GOEBBELS SAYS OUR RAIDS ARE STERN TEST

GOEBBELS TOLD WORKERS of the Blohm and Voss shipyards at Hamburg (says the official German news agency) that British night raids had proved a stern test of discipline.

"There is no turning back for the Reich now," he said. "From the two bitter decades after the World War everyone can work out for himself what destruction and annihilation of the people would be wrought on Germany by her enemies should they succeed in breaking the Reich."

Goebbels expressed gratitude to

workers for "retaining unshakable discipline in their work despite many night raid alarms."

"The worker who is forging the armour of Germany's sea power," he concluded, "is in the best position to testify that British night bombers have failed in tangibly disturbing Hamburg's war production."—Reuter.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

HITLER'S WEAPONS

Nearly six months have passed since Adolf Hitler told a wildly cheering crowd in Berlin's Sportpalast that an invasion of the British islands was imminent. "The people of England," he said with scorn, "are very curious and ask: 'Why in the world don't you come?'" And his answer was: "We are coming."

He did his best to come. On the day he spoke these words, an afternoon early last September, the German air force had just begun its series of furious daylight and day-long attacks on Britain — attacks in which, according to Germany's own claims, as many as 2,000 planes were used against a single objective. Those attacks were beaten back. The losses inflicted on the German air force by the R.A.F. were so heavy that Hitler halted his daylight raids. Not since last September has he made another attack by day with anything remotely like the numbers he then used.

A fortnight ago, Hitler spoke again to the German people. This time there was no prediction in his speech of an early invasion of Britain. There was no repetition of his bitter joke at the expense of the British people: "Keep your shirts on — he is coming." There was no boast, as there was last September, that the Luftwaffe can "drop 150,000, 180,000, 300,000, 400,000 kilograms of bombs and more" on British cities in a single day whenever it chooses to do so. There was, instead, the promise of a new submarine campaign.

Hitler cannot be trusted in anything he says, or fails to say. It is quite possible that his failure now even to mention the possibility of an invasion and his failure to boast of German air power as the decisive factor in this war are intended deliberately to divert attention from plans he has in view. Nevertheless, for what his words are worth, from the point of view of the morale of the German people, it is at least significant that he now promises no early end of the war, to be achieved by a miraculous new weapon. His emphasis is back on the same old weapons of the same old regime that once before led the German people to complete disaster: the submarine and the slow war of attrition.

THE BALKAN SERENADE



The "Signals" Never Sleep

The Service That Never Sleeps. That is the title earned by the Royal Corps of Signals, one of the hardest-working and least publicised units of the British Army.

No feats of fighting valour adorn the pages of their records; instead, mere accomplishment of tasks which, nevertheless, call for the same courage and heart that make heroes of the battlefield.

Their weapons are the instruments they employ in supplying the communicating arteries to the major fighting body.

No matter where the battle rages, there must be communication; without it would be chaos and defeat. And so it devolves on the "Signals" to establish and maintain a continuity of contact.

Never before has the great value and necessity of such communication been shown as in the Egyptian and Libyan campaigns.

Faster Signals

How was it done? The answer, in short, is: by the synchronisation of progress in the methods of the "Signals" with the advancement of the war machinery.

Mechanisation has meant speedier signals operations, and the coincidence of these big strides in warfare has been no small factor in the rout of the Italians.

Take the methods of communication. There are telephone, telegraph, and teleprinter lines, radio telephony, and wireless telegraphy, visual (lamps, flags, heliographs, and ground strips — these in conjunction with the R.A.F.), despatch riders, and pigeons.

And, actually, most of these could be utilised in the existing conditions — atmospheric especially — in the Middle East.

Hence the tremendous value of the "Signals."

Circumstances, of course, dictate the form of signalling to be adopted, but line and cable communication are commonly used. There is one big advantage here over wireless: in that greater secrecy can be obtained.

A wireless transmitting set can be located by the enemy. So it is that wireless telephony has, in recent times, been brought into use to a much greater extent.

Radio, all the same, will always take its place as one of the most

efficient means of communication. In this age of mechanisation, the employment of pigeons might appear almost primitive, but these winged messengers are a very reliable means of communication.

Avoid Gunfire

Extensive experiments were at one time carried out in the use of pigeons equipped to carry small cameras worked by automatic time-shutters to secure photographs of enemy positions.

There were, however, obvious defects in such a system, which gave way to more modern means.

Still, the pigeon remains an active member of the Corps, used

By William Gibbons

as it was in the last war as a message carrier. The only difference to-day is that the small message container attached to its legs is bakelite instead of aluminium.

Pigeons, as a matter of fact, could well be used in the East, where the climate is most suitable to them.

But there is one drawback in the presence of large numbers of hawks. Once they get wise to the course taken by the pigeons, they wait in pairs and prey on them.

The main advantages in the use of pigeons are their speed and stamina. They fly with a following wind up to 60 miles an hour, and can cover distances up to 600 miles.

They are not affected by gunfire or gas (they would fly well above it), and are difficult to intercept.

The Corps of Signals to-day have their mobile lofts each housing 80 pigeons, which are built on trailers and towed by lorry from place to place.

Laying Cables

Cable-laying is one of the major operations in high-speed signals work. Even the laying of cables along the hedgerows is now car-

ried out completely by mechanisation.

The speed of this laying impressed me immensely when I accompanied a crew of four men and an officer on a training spin across country.

The "layer" is a mechanical device which looks much like a small agricultural implement with its driver perched on an extended metal seat, with wheel in hand and foot on brake as though steering a plough.

It is mounted on the lorry, and its 1½ h.p. engine drives a pulley system of rollers and belts.

The two-mile drum of cable is slipped on a spindle, which is actuated by a belt from the engine directly on to the spindle roller.

It was a simple enough process when the right men were on the job, and I soon saw they were that all right. The layer engine was started up. No. 1 of the crew gave the signal to the driver, the lorry moved off, and as though in a complete motion, the cable was "spewed" out in a fountain-like manner.

Close Contact

The layer driver adjusted his speed to that of the lorry, and at one time we were laying cable along a stretch of roadway skirted by hedges at 25 miles an hour!

Any slowing-up of the lorry was taken up by the layer driver, who, with hands and feet in perfect unison, throttled the speed of the pulleys and operated his hand-brake to check the run of the cable drum.

For the return trip pulley belts were reversed on the rollers so that the drum revolved anti-clockwise, and the cable was wheeled in.

For normal operations the layer lorry is followed by "builders" — two lorries, each with a crew of two — whose task it is to erect poles at crossings, farm gates, houses, etc., and make the cable secure.

So you see how it is, with the many efficient methods of communication, that such a close liaison is maintained right from headquarters to units in the forefront of the battle.

Nazi Plan

What are the chances of a German attempt at an invasion of Britain?

A day or so ago I asked one of the R.A.F. chiefs for his opinion. He had no hesitation in saying that the threat of invasion was as great to-day as it has been at any time since the collapse of France.

If Germany's air blitz during August and September had succeeded in breaking down the R.A.F. fighter opposition there is no doubt that the attempt would already have been made.

30,000 Perished

There were persistent rumours a couple of months ago that such an attempt had, in fact, been made, and had failed. They arose from reports that:—

In the middle of September, the Germans were having a full-dress rehearsal. Nearly 200,000 fully-armed troops had been loaded into hundreds of flat-bottomed, engine barges anchored at a number of what are now known as invasion ports, notably Le Havre and Cherbourg.

Just as the operation was being carried out R.A.F. bombers made a terrible attack, blasting men and barges to pieces.

Between 30,000 and 35,000 German soldiers were killed, and for more than a week afterwards their bodies were being washed up along the Northern French coast.

That was how the rumour got about.

Undoubtedly, our attacks on the invasion bases, and on the great distribution centre of Hamm, have seriously interfered with Hitler's preparations to land troops in Britain. But it is certain that there still exists a complete and detailed plan to co-ordinate land, sea and air attack, in the hope of getting thousands of soldiers ashore. These would probably then be supplemented by airborne troops, carried either in Junkers 52's or towed in large gliders behind these huge troop-carriers.

Army's Role

The authorities believe that at the first sign of a relaxation of vigilance on our part Hitler will make the attempt. He would, no doubt, be willing to sacrifice a great many men to achieve his great dream.

Then the real show-down would come between the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe. If Britain's airmen could repeat the wonderful show they put up at Dunkirk, Hitler would have gambled his highest card and lost.

Against such time as an attempt is made it is essential that we should go on making our coastline more secure, and that we should maintain a strong standing Army at home.

No doubt the troops would much prefer to be "having a crack at the Ities," but they have the consolation of knowing that their presence is one of the obstacles which Hitler fears would make his invasion venture a ghastly failure.

He knows too, that if he gambled and failed he would "lose caste" with his own people, and if and when that happened the end would be near.

Shipping Threat

Meanwhile, if it has done nothing more, the repeated threat of invasion has diverted many British bombers from his sorely tried industrial areas on to the invasion ports.

While he is forced to keep his army inactive, Hitler is intensifying his war on our shipping.

The R.A.F. Coastal Command is already being strengthened to combat this menace to our food supplies. More and new machines are being put into service, and the reduction which has been noted during the past three weeks in our shipping losses is likely to become more pronounced.

This is partly due also to the success of the raids on the submarine base of Lorient.

Night Bombing

Until one side or the other finds a solution to the problem, night bombing is likely to continue unabated. Both nations are working their hardest to invent something which will enable the defenders to find the bombers in the dark.

There is no single remedy, but there is reason to believe that Britain will be the first to discover how to make night bombing too expensive. Already some progress has been made. The Heinkels and Dorniers are finding it increasingly difficult to force their way through the more strongly defended zones.

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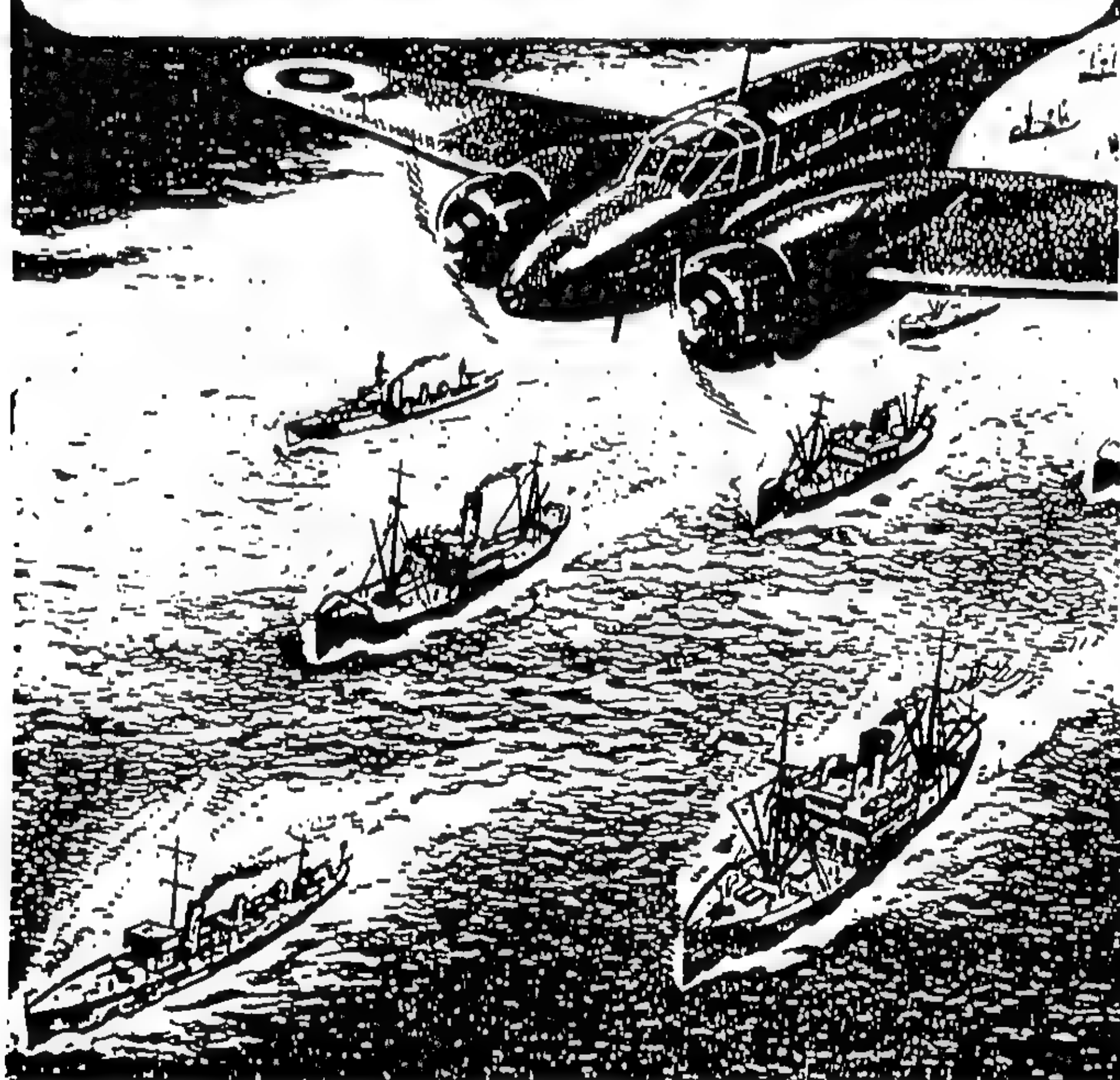
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16 CHILDREN WERE ILL, SERUM SAVED FIFTEEN

SIXTEEN CHILDREN LAY ill with diphtheria. Under normal conditions eight of these children could be expected to die. A new serum was tried. Fifteen of the children recovered.

These details were given when the discovery of the new serum, which is the result of research work by Dr. O'Meara, professor at Trinity College, was announced at a meeting of the Royal College of Physicians in Dublin.

Dr. C. J. MacSweeney, superintendent of Cork Street Fever Hospital in Dublin, declared: "The new serum contains some factors not used in commercial serum, which have limited powers and the big problem now is to build up a supply of the new discovery."

Cases Treated

Dr. MacSweeney said that the 16 test cases were treated in his hospital.

"At least some of these cases, if they had been treated with commercial serum, would have died," said Dr. MacSweeney. "The fifteen children who recovered did so after a comparatively tranquil convalescence. I am certain, from my experience of this disease and from the results observed in this case, that given an adequate quantity of serum rich in the substance to which Dr. O'Meara has drawn attention, substantial saving in life will result."

The chief merit of the new serum is that it is capable of dealing with the severest forms of the disease where hitherto the commercial serum fell short, he added.

Minister's Plea

A famous specialist engaged on research into infectious diseases emphasised that however effective the new treatment may prove, the importance and urgency of inoculation remains the same.

The Health Minister, has urged parents to have all children between the ages of 1 and 15 inoculated against diphtheria.

Statistics prove the danger of the disease to children between those ages, for out of 2,931 deaths from this cause in 1938, no fewer than 2,804—more than 95 per cent.—were among children up to the age of 15.

As proof of the value of inoculation, the death rate among children in New York was reduced from 27 per 100,000 in 1929 to 2 in 1935.

The latest corresponding figure for England and Wales is 31 per 100,000.

WANTED— A SWORD

THE BESTOWAL OF THE ACCOLADE UPON SIR ALLAN GRANT BY THE KING WHEN VISITING THE SHEFFIELD STEEL WORKS, OF WHICH HE IS MANAGING DIRECTOR, WAS A SURPRISE INCIDENT.

The King, through his equerry, had to make an enquiry where the sword was to be found. An officer in the works managed to provide one.

King Edward VII often gave the accolade at unexpected moments. A sword, however, always seemed to be forthcoming.

Umbrella Into Wand

Though a great stickler for the niceties of Court etiquette, King Edward on occasions allowed latitude. Once when the late Lord Pembroke was Lord Steward he went to Buckingham Palace to ask when the King could receive an address. He was ushered into the presence, where he found the sovereign having his corns cut.

"Have you an address with you?" asked the King. He had it, but no wand. "Oh, never mind," King Edward answered, "take an umbrella." The address was then presented.

FIREMEN HESITATED IN DARK

On Brink Of A 50 ft. Drop

Two A.F.S. men, working at one of London's big fires recently clambered to the top of an eight-foot wall, in pitch darkness, and perched there precariously to play their hose on the blaze.

For hours they worked there. They decided after some consideration not to climb down the other side to get nearer the blaze.

When dawn came they looked down. On the far side of the eight-foot wall their feet were dangling over a 50-foot drop.

This is one of the scores of stories told in A.F.S. stations about adventures in the great fires.

Another similar story was told by two men who slid down a sloping roof also in the dark—to a vantage point on a parapet.

When it became light, they found the roof over which they had slid was glass.

One crew worked for hours with their pump a few yards from a suspicious hole in the road. The pump operator asked the local warden about it.

"Oh, you needn't worry about that," he said. "It has been there a week and hasn't gone off yet."

HER BUTTER CAME ---FROM AMERICA

THE HON. LADY (ALICE) BINGHAM was fined £5 with £2 2s. costs at Temple Cloud, near Bristol, for trying to obtain butter from her daughter in New York contrary to the Rationing Order, 1940.

Mr. H. S. Cox, prosecuting for the Ministry of Food, read a letter from Lady Bingham to her daughter, which the censor intercepted.

The case turned on whether Lady Bingham paid or intended to pay her daughter—Miss Alice Chauncey, of Mohawk Lake, New York—for the butter.

Lady Bingham is the widow of Major-General the Hon. Sir Cecil Bingham, and she said she was staying as the guest of the Dowager Lady Sysonby at Timsbury. She wore a fur coat and carried a lorgnette when she went into the witness-box.

Her daughter—who makes her an allowance—went to America in May, she said, to lecture for the English-Speaking Union. Miss Chauncey's parting words were: "I'll send you some butter, darling."

Tea Party Offer

Lady Bingham said it was very unlikely that anyone making an allowance would expect to be paid for a gift of butter.

Regarding an offer made at a tea party to let her hostess, Lady Sysonby, have some of the butter, she said the offer was intended as a gift. Two days later Lady

TIME BOMB MAN IN A.A.

He Wants "Action"

A "bad risk" for an insurance company, turned down as unfit for the Royal Engineers and the war Reserve Police, Mr. Frederick Leighton-Morris, the man who was fined £100 for moving a time bomb from a Jermyn Street flat, is now in an anti-aircraft unit.

He left London with his wife, who was joining a unit of the W.A.A.F. in the north of England.

The heroic conduct of Mr. Leighton-Morris was referred to by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons, and the fine was subsequently reduced to £5.

Mr. Leighton-Morris was prepared to go to prison for three months rather than pay the £100.

He told a reporter: "I sent the £5 by cheque some time ago. I hope that has not been bombed out."

Can Speak Arabic

"It certainly relieves one's mind to know that after being rejected by insurance doctors and the Army I am now considered fit for service."

"I was hoping to go to the Middle East, where my knowledge of Arabic—I can speak it fluently—would be of some use."

"Presumably after some time in the anti-aircraft, when I have acquired some knowledge of guns, I will be drafted there."

"All I want is action, now I am considered fit to go on active service."

TOWN MAY BECOME AN ISLAND

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK. COASTAL TOWN, MAY BECOME AN ISLAND, AND EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR BENEATH THE SEA, JUST AS DID THE ONCE PROSPEROUS PORT OF DUNWICH, UNLESS IMMEDIATE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO ARREST COAST EROSION, IT WAS STATED AT A MEETING OF THE EAST SUFFOLK RIVERS CATCHMENT BOARD.

Expert opinion on how to deal with the matter is being obtained.

Emergency centres erected by Southwold Corporation, at a cost of £1,500, have been washed away, it was reported.

PARIS TO-DAY A CITY OF HOPELESS

PARIS TO-DAY IS A CITY of listless, hopeless people struggling to maintain an outward appearance of normality but still stunned by what everybody refers to as "le debacle" or "le catastrophe."

A vivid picture was given by a neutral woman who has lived there for many years, remaining right through the war and the Nazi occupation, and is now on her way to America.

"People take no interest in any happenings except the momentary problems of living," she said. "They seem equally apathetic about the future. You never hear mention of De Gaulle, the British or the Germans. If they speak of the past it is to place indiscriminate blame on the rulers of the Republic in the last 20 years."

The French, overwhelmed by their own catastrophe, are not following the further course of the war.

They have, in any case, given up trying to form an idea of what is happening in the world outside the German cordon. They have no trust in their own newspapers and the radio, which they know are merely German echoes. Many tried at first to listen to the British radio, but the programmes are now jammed.

No Taxis In The City

"Yet Paris is slowly returning to an outward appearance of its old self. The most striking change is the almost complete disappearance of motor traffic. The few cars all belong to German officers. There is not a single taxi in the whole city."

"A few motor buses are allowed in the outer suburbs where there is no Metro. The only other motor transport is horses, bringing food everywhere are bicycles, often with sidecars, trailers and other contraptions to increase capacity."

"Nearly all the shops, including the famous dress salons have reopened. The latter are doing scarcely any business, selling perhaps half a dozen dresses monthly. Stockings are practically unobtainable, but there are a few pairs of old stock selling at 100 francs a pair."

"German womenfolk who flocked to Paris after the occupation to buy up everything with cheap francs are no longer much in evidence. Officers, however, are still buying many antiques."

Goering, through agents, is reputed to be the biggest client, collecting especially tapestries.

"It is noticeable that the Germans are most courteous to the Parisians, apparently in obedience to orders. They salute on entering shops, and tip generously at restaurants. All hotels are commandeered by the Germans, whose headquarters are at the Crillon. Even the smallest places have been taken over. The Ritz alone obtained special permission to keep a part for its own guests."

"Empty flats and houses, including those vacated by British residents, have also been taken. Male Britons are interned at St. Denis, a few miles from Paris. The women remain at liberty, but report daily to the police."

Problem Of Food

"Large numbers of the inhabitants who evacuated before the German advance are now back again. But many have never returned. A pathetic sight is that of hundreds of ravenous dogs and cats wandering in the Bois Boulogne abandoned by their fleeing owners."

"Food shortage is now France's biggest problem. The bread ration is fairly liberal, but the fat allowance, including cooking, is only half a pound monthly. Cheese is also half a pound monthly, and meat three-quarters of a pound weekly."

"The increasing cooperation of Vichy with the occupied area authorities is illustrated by the fact that rations in both parts of France have been identical since September. Domestic fuel shortage is also acute. It will be impossible to heat many blocks of flats this winter."

She added that the Paris black-

MILCH'S HOARD OF DOLLARS

Attempt To Send Son-in-Law £25,000

It is learned on good authority that Field-Marshal Milch, chief officer of the Luftwaffe after Goering, has sent £25,000, in United States dollars to his son-in-law, Hauptmann Joachim - Heinrich Schlichting, who is a prisoner of war in Britain.

Schlichting will not be able to touch the money. On the contrary, it will be a little contribution to the British war effort.

The nature of the intended gift raises some interesting questions. The sending of foreign money out of Germany is a most serious contravention of the Reich currency regulations. It would mean a long term of imprisonment, if not worse, to an ordinary citizen. But Milch and other Nazi leaders act as if they are above the laws to which the German public is subject.

Apart from this purely national aspect of the matter, the question arises as to how Milch has dollars at his disposal.

Not long ago the world was given some startling particulars of the fortunes held in the United States by prominent members of the Nazi party. Milch may be among those possessing banking accounts abroad.

In September, 1939, United States newspapers stated that seven of Hitler's most trusted helpers, Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Goering, Hess, Ley, Himmler and Streicher, had deposited cash securities abroad to the total of £3,334,000.

British officer prisoners of war receive the full rate of pay for corresponding ranks in the German forces. Up to £2 a month may be sent to officers without applying to the Trading With the Enemy Department.

SIR OSWALD STOLL ESCAPES BOMB

Sir Oswald Stoll, seventy-four-year-old chairman of Stoll Theatres Corporation, told the shareholders' annual meeting what happened when he and his wife were in a bombed London building last month.

"We stood perfectly still in the centre of the room trying to keep our heads while it seemed that an earthquake was whirling all round us."

"Within sixteen inches of us a girl was struck dead. Another one near was buried up to the neck in debris. It is clear that my wife and I are not intended to be bombed to death."

MUSICAL WAITER

A nineteen-year-old waiter who had been crippled by an accident applied at Westminster for £12 from the workman's compensation standing to his account.

Judge Sir Mordaunt Snagge said he had already had £40, and asked what had become of it.

The man said he used it to fit himself for dance band work. His application was granted.

out has been much stricter lately. Orders were recently posted in the streets commanding absolute observance of the new rules.

RONALD TRUE WOULD LIKE TO FLY A SPITFIRE

Ronald True is now stage manager for the concerts given from time to time at Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, where he has been an inmate since he was convicted of murder in 1922.

He has designed and painted a good deal of the scenery for these shows.

But if he could be asked what his dearest wish is he would probably answer "To fly a Spitfire or a Hurricane."

True was a pilot in the last war and once prophesied that some day an aeroplane would be built which would reach a speed of 500 m.p.h.

In the old Royal Flying Corps days he was trained at Gosport, and when he gained his wings he astounded everyone by wearing a pair three times of size of the regulation issue and with variegated colours worked into them. He was promptly ordered to remove them.

True was discredited after a bad crash, and he secured a job as a test pilot at a Government factory, and whenever an aeroplane was seen narrowly missing the roofs of the hangars, coming down in a corkscrew, and "True's at it again."

True was ordered to stand for the murder of George White in her flat at Palace Lane, after a panel of experts decided he was sane and he was sent to Broadmoor.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 17th, March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Bankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods, Household Furniture and Shop Fittings.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

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Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director
14, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

Plot And Counterplot
By The Four Aces

We find to-day's hand fascinating because of the brilliance with which both sides played:

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 10
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ 4
♣ A J 10 9 4 3

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K 6
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 3 2

♠ A J 5
♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ 3
♣ K 10

♠ Q 9 8 4 2
♥ A Q
♦ A Q 7 6
♣ 5 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1♣ 1♠ Pass 2♣
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT
Pass Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts, South gratefully winning with his Ace. Then, ignoring the clubs,

South led a spade and finessed dummy's ten. South knew that East must hold the spade Ace, diamond King, and club King—Queen for his opening bid of one heart. Since both club finesses were bound to fail, any attempt to set up the dummy's long club suit would fail because of the lack of entries to the North hand. So South decided to set up his own hand and use the dummy just for a couple of odd tricks.

East won the finesse of the spade ten with his Jack and brilliantly returned the King of clubs. If dummy took the club Ace, the Jack of hearts could never be cashed, and South would have only eight tricks. But South avoided this trap by refusing to take dummy's Ace, and now East was obliged to shift, since another club lead would give dummy the entire suit.

East's shift to a low heart was won by South's Queen, and a spade lead went to East's Ace. East returned the King of diamonds, hoping that his partner held as good as Queen-nine in the suit, but East's defensive skill was wasted, for South was able at this point to cash his top diamonds and spades, after which dummy was entered with the club Ace for the cashing of the heart Jack.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 9 6
♥ A K 4 2
♦ —
♣ A J 9 4

The bidding:
Dealer You Schenken Jacoby
3♦ (?)

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. This unusual bid demands a takeout by your partner and is forcing until game is reached. There should be a fine play for game in almost any four-card suit your partner holds (except diamonds); and your powerful bid suggests Slam if your partner has as little as two or three picture cards.

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Question No. 666

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable you hold:

♠ Q 3
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ K 10 7 3

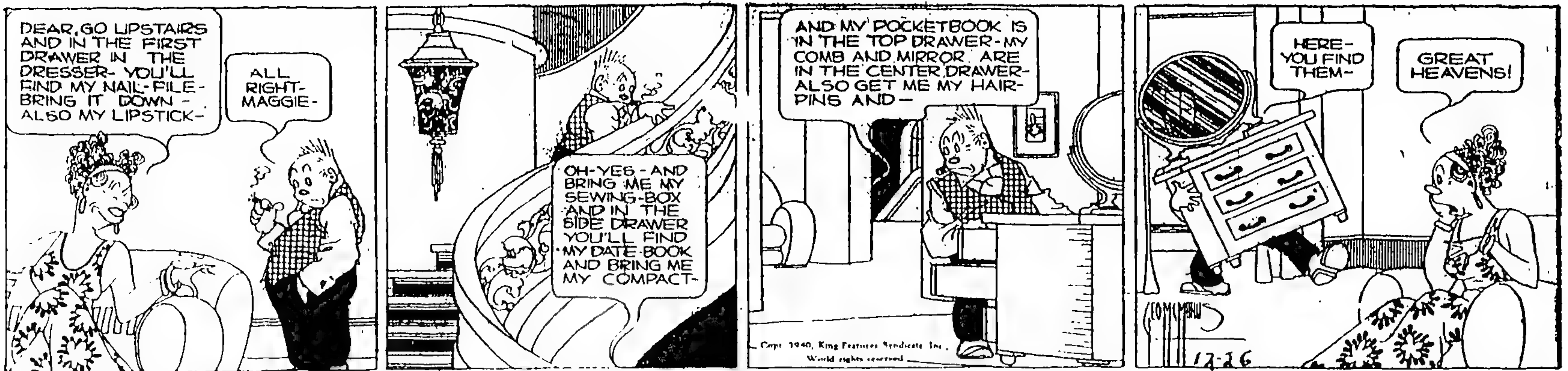
The bidding:
Dealer Schenken Jacoby You
3♦ Dbl. Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Simple Brushing Routine

Buttle eyelashes are a common complaint of women. And many who's lashes break off also complain about them being too short. Eyelashes, like hair, depend mostly on nourishment from the blood stream. If you are lacking in certain vitamins you had and a good eyelashes will not have the maximum growth for which you yearn. But the simple habit of brushing them two or three times a day with a lubricant will greatly enhance their beauty. In this way you attempt to supply the hair with what it cannot get from the bloodstream, and you also avoid having the sun and air rob the lashes of natural lubrication.

Diligence Counts

If you make it a habit to brush your lashes and brows with an appropriate lotion or cream each night before you retire, and again after you have finished applying your make-up, you will be very pleased with the improvement of your eyelash beauty.

There are several splendid prepared eyelash creams and lotions on your cosmetic counter, and lash brushes are sold there too. Keep these with your powder and lipstick to remind you they must be used every morning and every night.

If you grasp your lashes between thumb and first finger and gently tug them the blood circulation at the roots of the hair will be stimulated. This helps the growth too. After thus exercising them, dip the brush into the lotion or cream and brush the lashes first downward with eyes closed, and then upward and outward with the eye open. Practice will give you a steady hand for you must never get any foreign matter in your eye if you can avoid doing so.

Some women find that anointing the eyelids with a bit of vaseline helps the growth of their lashes, as does the use of a rich eye-wrinkle cream which is used under the eyes as a night massage.

Use Eye Wash Too

If you make your own eyewash, or buy one of the few well recommended ones, you may wash your eyes every day, especially if you live in a town or city which is dusty. Those in the clear country will not find it necessary to rinse the eyes more frequently



Lucille Fairbanks brushes her lashes and brows daily with a rich lubricant.

than once or twice a week unless it is dry and dusty too. Careful treatment of the eyes will prevent any inflammation or eye disease which always takes a heavy toll of eye beauty. By all means refrain from using any preparation which claims to make your eyes larger or brighter. Only good health and careful daily treatment will preserve or enhance your eye beauty.

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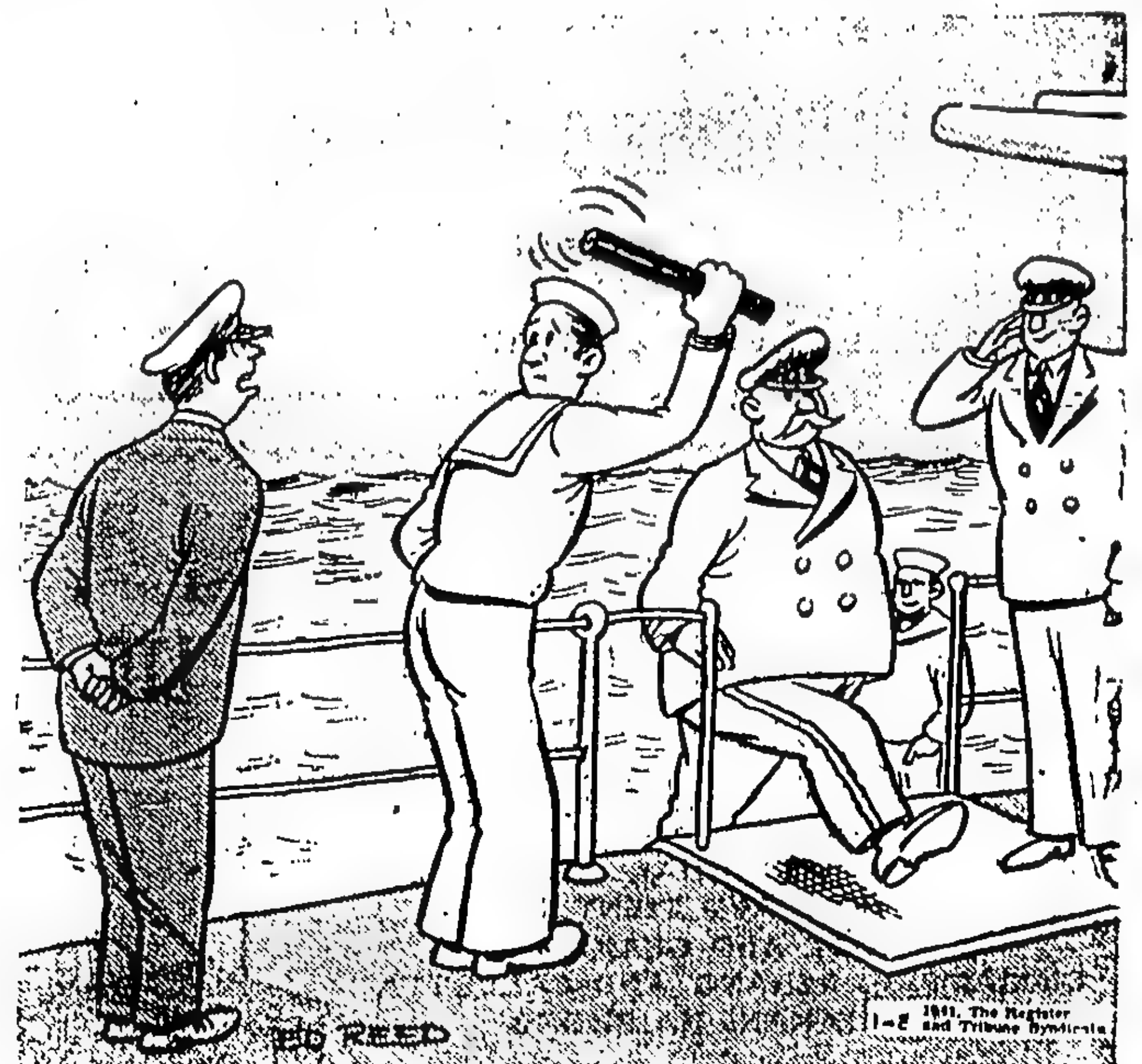
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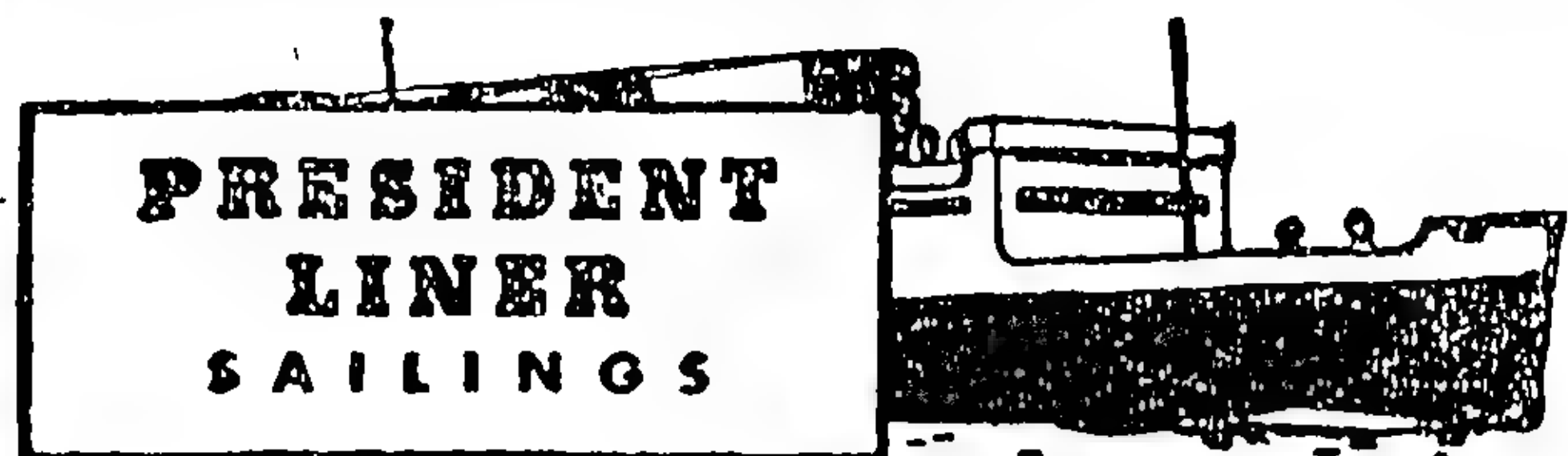


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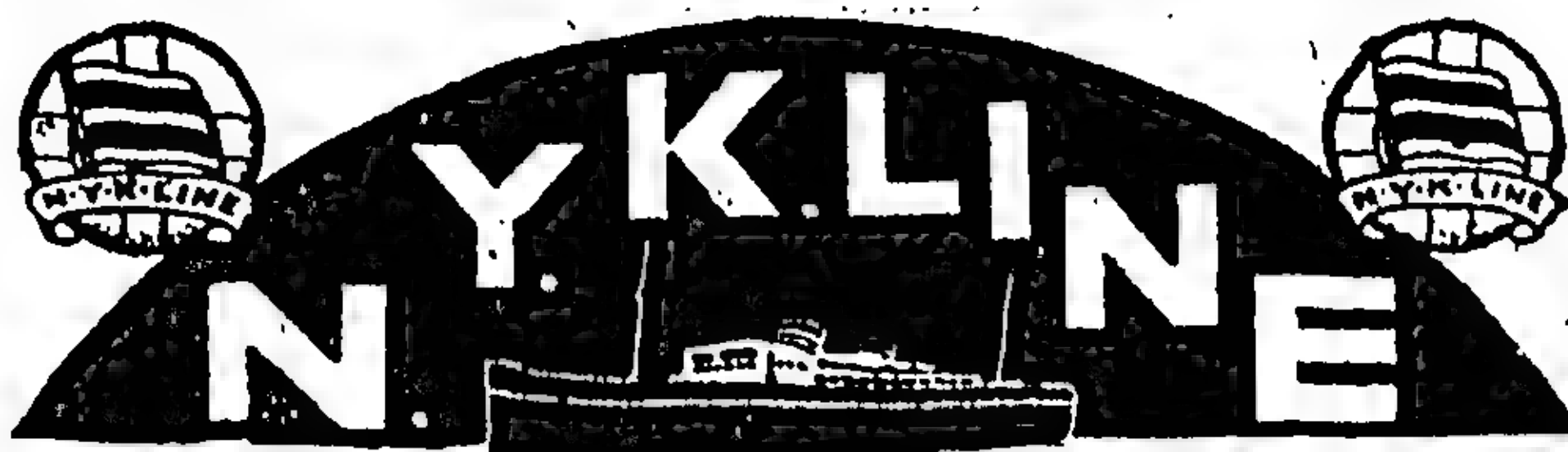
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The Bells of St. Malo (Rimmer).

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100 p.m. Local Time Signal.
101 p.m.—An Irish Programme.

The Dawning of the Day (Joyce).
Old Irish Air, arr. Page.

John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.
Kinnegad Slashers—Tucknack Jig.

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Turquoise's Farewell to Kathleen (Lacy Duffin).

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Irish Reels—The Pledge, Maids of Tulla, Mooncoin.

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John Griffin (Baritone) with Flute and Piano.
Irish Medley—Irish Washerwoman.

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When Irish Eyes Are Smiling (Hall).

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Mare's Hornpipe.

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Where The River Shannon Flows (Russell).

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Mick McGilgan's Daughter (arr. Vine).

Sam Carson with Orchestra.
The Kerry Dance (Molloy).

John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Three Cheers for Anything (from 'Pinocchio').

Victor Young and His Orchestra.

with The Ken Darby Singers.
Quickstep—On the Isle of May.
Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old.

Joe Loss and His Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Weinberger—Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree (Variations and Fugue on an old English tune for full Orchestra).

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

6.50 p.m.—Quilter—Three English Dances.
New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by J. Ainslie Murray.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Working Together.'

7.30 p.m.—Irish Programme.
The Green Hills of Ireland (Shieldsdel Riegal).

Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Piano.
The South Down Militia (arr. Hayward).

Richard Hayward (Traditional Ballad Singer) with Violin, Flute and Cello and Piano.

The Irish Organist—Medley (arr. T. Casey).

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With My Shillelagh Under My Arm (O'Brien and Raymond Wallace).

Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Ned O' The Hill.

Limerick Is Beautiful.
Seamus O'Doherty (Tenor) with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Raio Da Costa at the Piano.
Medley of Marches.

Intro—Tin Can Fustlers: Toy Town Parade, Toy Drum Major, Toy Town Artillery, Colonel Bogey.

The King's Horses (Gay and Graham).

11.11 String Along With You (film).
Twenty Million Sweethearts.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Hi, Gang.'

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Irish Programme.
The Dear Little Shamrock (Black, arr. Dan).

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Orange and Green (O'Donovan).

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The Star of the County Down (arr. Hughes).

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BOYS' RODEO RESCUE

WITH FIRES BLAZING before them and behind them, two schoolboys—one a little shrimp of a fellow—hailed terrified carthorses to safety during a fierce raid on Bristol.

Clinging grimly to the halters, the lads were jerked off their feet as the excited animals reared and plunged. But they held on. Not one of the horses broke loose and they saved more than thirty.

The boys, both Sea Scouts, were Leonard Herod, aged thirteen, and Sidney Meredith, who is fourteen of Sevier Street, Bristol.

They had volunteered for duty with a Y.M.C.A. canteen when bombs began to fall and they were ordered to a shelter.

As they stood there with many men and women, an A.F.S. woman asked for volunteers to rescue horses trapped in a blazing stable nearby.

Meredith told a reporter: "Leonard and I spoke up."

"I had never handled horses before in my life, but Leonard knows a little bit about them. He father had a horse which draw an ice-cream cart."

At the stables, civilians, soldiers and sailors were bridling the horses. Leonard and Sidney said they would try to lead the animals to another stable several hundred yards away.

"We led them out one by one, and as the horses saw the fire in the street they got frightened."

"We were told to stop for a time as it was too dangerous, but later they came and asked us if we would volunteer again or the horses would be killed."

"We rushed back to the stable. The roof was on fire and cracking over our heads and glass was falling all round us. But somehow or other we managed to get all the big cart-horses out and saved all their lives."

Animal Saves Boy

Boys saved animals. And here is the story, from the same raid, of how an animal saved a boy. Lionel Jones, aged eleven, of Bristol, and his brown puppy, Peter, are inseparable companions. When the raid started, Lionel tied a piece of string to Peter's collar and made for a shelter. They were just going out of the front door when the house was hit and they were buried in the ruins.

Brought "Evidence"

Fourteen hours later people were looking at the wreckage and saying no one could be alive inside it. Lionel's blind father, Mr. Jim Jones, his mother, his twenty-one-year-old sister Gracie and two men who had come into the house to help them were dead. Lionel's seventeen-year-old sister Elleen—she was at a cinema

when the house was hit—stood weeping.

"Suddenly," she told a reporter, "I heard a scratching noise."

"My married sister and I dug into the wreckage with our hands, and saw Peter's brown head."

"We freed him and the puppy crawled out with some of the wool from Lionel's jumper in his mouth."

"Lionel was rescued and is now in hospital with a leg injury."

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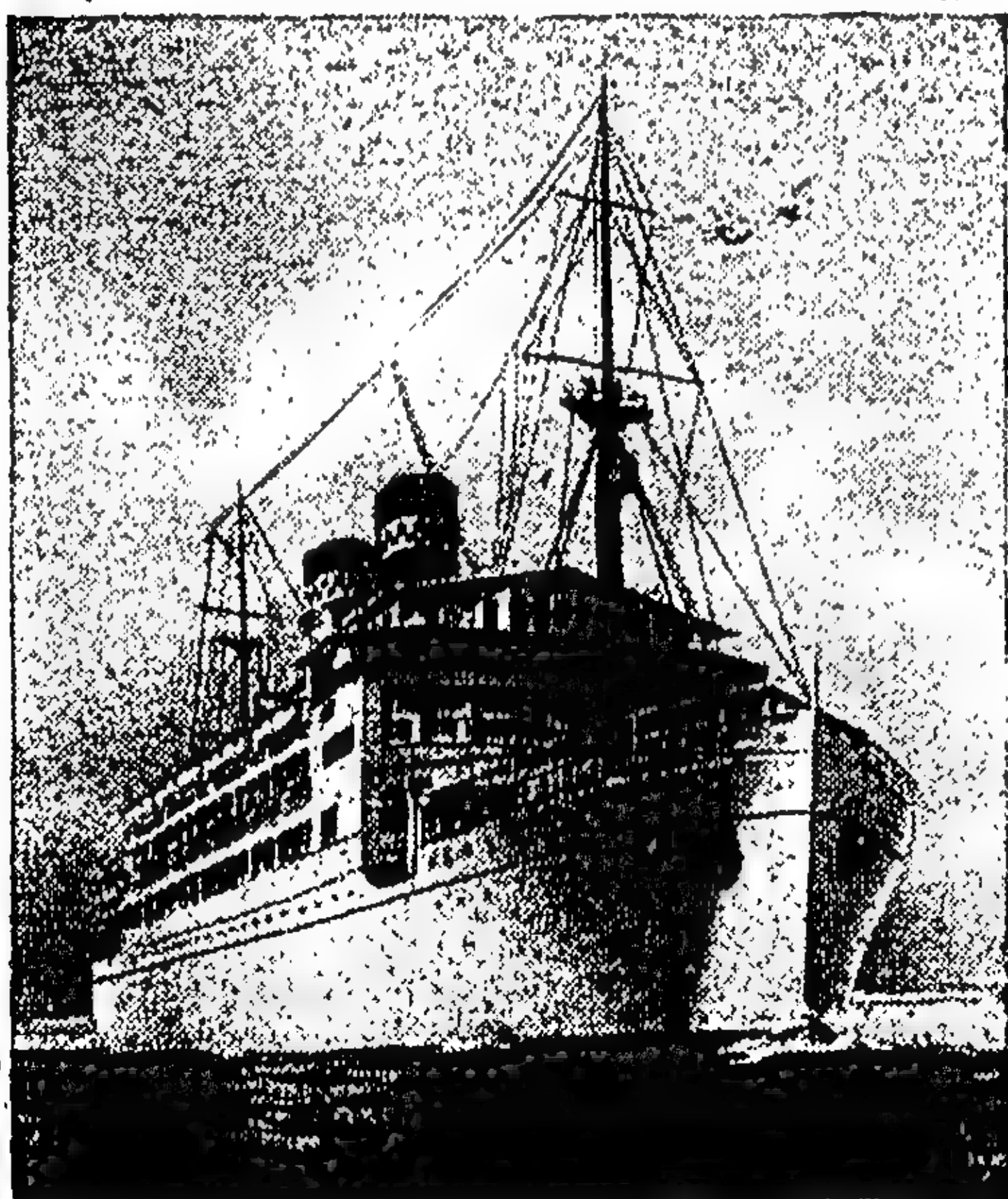
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BERG'S GALLANT FIGHT

Almost Knocked-Out But Wins On Points

Big London Boxing Display

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE were turned away from the Cambridge Theatre recently when Londoners had their first opportunity for six months of seeing big boxing, writes Norman Hurst.

In the main contests Jack (Kid) Berg and Dave Crowley, former British light-weight champions, beat Harry Craster and Johnny Cunningham respectively, although both conceded over half a stone in weight.

It was the old Berg in his wiliness to take the initiative and carry the fight to a heavier and stronger opponent.

Time after time Berg would pin the Middlesbrough man in a corner with light but scoring punches.

Craster seemed content to play a waiting game. He would smother up under Berg's attack, and then suddenly unleash a terrific left or right swing to the jaw.

Berg tried in the fifth round, and in the next Craster suddenly hooked a terrific right to the jaw when coming out of a clinch that nearly tore Berg's head off.

Berg, with nose bleeding and legs wobbling, was punched across the ring and went down for a count of four. But he quickly got up again, fighting desperately, and actually managed to put Craster down for a count of two.

Crowd Rose To Berg

Berg was wobbly but game, and the packed house rose to cheer him. From then on it was Craster backing himself to score on big punch against the hail of light

but point-adding punches that Berg delivered.

Berg has lost a lot of his old speed and much of the punch that made him popular in America, but he still retains the spirit and willingness to fight, and when his hand was raised as the winner he had well earned the verdict.

There is little that can be said about the Crowley-Cunningham fight.

Despite a big advantage in height, weight, and reach, Cunningham never showed any inclination to take the initiative, nor was the left hand he poked out in an attempt to stop Crowley's rushes any use.

Crowley weaving and bobbing, was inside Cunningham's guard before the soldier knew what it was about, and was always beating a tattoo on Cunningham's ribs.

It was a poor fight, but Crowley cannot be blamed, for he certainly tried as he knew to make a fight of it.

When the referee raised Crowley's hand as the winner, I do not think Cunningham could have been credited with one session.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER GAME POSTPONED

Owing to the unplayable state of the Navy ground, which was some inches under water when visited by the Referee and other officials, the second game of the Governor's Cup competition which was to be played yesterday was cancelled.

The decision was made after noon.

SOLD DERBY AND TWO "NATIONAL" WINNERS

A sportsman who sold a 100 to 1 Derby winner, Abouyeur, a 100 to 1 Grand National winner, Gregalach, and another "National" winner, Grakle, has been appointed a Steward of the Irish National Hunt Committee.

When Mr. T. K. Laidlaw, the new Steward, bred Abouyeur, he little knew that he had the colt destined to be one of the central figures in the racing sensation of the century.

The story of Gregalach's disqualification and the Epsom Stewards' decision awarding the race to Abouyeur—the most hotly criticised of any within memory—is too well known to be told here. But the sequel was that Mr. Ismay sold Gregalach and retired from the Turf in disgust.

Gregalach's "National" victory in 1929 was at the main expense of probably the best chaser of the past two decades never to win the race—Easter Hero.

Until two or three fences from home Easter Hero looked like coming home alone, but weakened, and Gregalach overtook him to win decisively.

When Grakle won his "National" in 1931 he had Gregalach as runner-up.

YACHTING RESULTS

The result of the third cruiser championship and the first division of the seventh cruiser championship was held yesterday over 24 miles by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Results:

"B" CLASS, DIVISION I		
	Cor.	Pts. Pos
Dorinda, E. Cock	3.26.55	9 1
Yehonala, Belman	3.39.36	35 2
Donna, A. O. G. Mills	3.53.34	39 3
Red Rover, R. W. Bate-		
man	4.02.26	19 4
Norena, P. C. M. Sedg-		
wick	4.11.21	35 5
"R" CLASS, DIVISION II		
Tyrone, B. Hertschend	4.32.50	42 1
Evolene, R. L. Ber-		
ridge	4.46.05	33 2
FOUR TONNERS		
Typhoon, D. Campbell		39 1
Curlew, D. N. F.		30 2
Tern, D. N. F.		27 3

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles	
R. E. Guest v. Pang Oi-lam (3)	
C. Dunne v. Lt. Shields Goodman (6)	
Fung Yee-pui v. Kenneth Lo (7)	
Tsui Wai-pui v. O. Rungjahn (8)	
S. T. Chau v. We Chung (1)	
Open Doubles	
J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith v. I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu (5)	

RUGBY CUP

Yorkshire Rugby League commence their County Challenge Cup Competition to-day, dates being fixed as follows:—First round, March 15; second round, March 22; semi-final, March 29; final, April 5.

It is expected 14 clubs will take part, Hull Kingston Rovers being unable to compete as their ground is not available.

As last season, 20 per cent. of the gate receipts at each match will go into a pool along with one-third of the final gate, and the clubs participating in the competition will share the pool.

GRIMMETT'S SUCCESSOR RETIRES

Frank Ward, who was hailed by some Australian optimists as a "second Grimmett" but wasn't, has retired from first-class cricket.

Maybe he never got over the battering he received from Hutton, Barnett, Paynter, and Compton during his first and only Test at Nottingham last year.

His average was 0 for 142 in 30 overs, yet he showed some of the most courageous batting of the series.

Hailed as the "mystery man" during the controversy which followed the non-selection of Grimmett for the tour, Ward had a similar action to the "gnome" but there the likeness ended.

Following his disastrous Test debut, Ward took 5 for 108 against the Gentlemen, but then made so few appearances that it was wondered whether he had gone home until he was seen operating Bill Brown's cine-camera at the Oval Test.

KING'S FILLIES SELL WELL

An aggregate of 16.96 guineas was reached at the Newmarket Sales recently, when fillies from the King's stud at Sandringham sold well.

Top price was realised for His Majesty's Great Truth, a three-year-old filly by Bahram, the Derby winner, out of Frankly. She was bought by Mr. J. L. Jarvis, the Newmarket trainer, for 1,300 guineas.

A colt foal by Bahram out of Love Tie was returned as sold to "Mr. Cash" for 1,000 guineas. The buyer was a well-known woman owner who preferred to remain anonymous.

The total for the 120 lots sold was 47,303 guineas. The price paid by Lord Glahely for the stallion Tiberius was 5,700 guineas, not 5,200 guineas. The aggregate for Sir Abe Bailey's horses was, therefore, 43,177 guineas.

RACING AT FANLING

In connection with the March Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, which will be held over the Kwant' Course on Sunday, March 23, Race No. 6, the Kangaroo Cup, has been cancelled and the following event substituted:

The Dublin Consolation Cup.—A flat race of half-mile for China ponies. "E" Class, that have started at this meeting. Weight as allotted for the Dublin Handicap. Withers barred. Ponies placed second and third 5 lb. and 3 lb. penalties respectively. Winner, \$350, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100. Post entry \$5.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the football programme for the week:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

First Division	
Royal Scots	v. Navy
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)	
South China	v. Police
(Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.)	

Third Division	
36th R.A.	v. Air Force
(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)	
7th R.A.	v. Signals
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)	
12th R.A.	v. Engineers
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)	

SATURDAY

Senior Shield Semi-Final	
Eastern	v. Navy
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)	

First Division	
Club	v. Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)	
Police	v. Kowloon
(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)	
Junior Shield Semi-Final	
Service Corps	v. Navy
(Club, 2.15 p.m.)	

Second Division	
Middlesex	v. Police
(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)	
Royal Scots	v. Club
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)	
Kit Chee	v. Ordnance
(Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)	

Third Division	
12th R.A.	v. Air Force
(Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)	
Signals	v. A.S.A.
(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)	
38th R.A.	v. International
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)	
35th R.A.	v. 7th R.A.
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)	
Shell	v. Medicals
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)	

SUNDAY

Senior Shield Semi-Final	
St. Joseph's	v. South China
(Navy ground, 4.00 p.m.)	
Junior Shield Semi-Final	
Sing Tao "B"	v. South China
(Navy ground, 2.15 p.m.)	

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KING'S COLLEGE

Men's Junior Doubles

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v. E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho (7 p.m.)	
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. J. Hobi and T. B. Teoh (7.45 p.m.)	
P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.)	

Mixed Doubles

E. Zimmern and Mrs. Zimmern v. P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro (9.15 p.m.)	
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FIRPO'S WHITE HOPE

Tex Rickard once said to Louis Firpo, the man who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring in a never-to-be-forgotten scrap, "If you find a man of the build of Dempsey, your punch, and a small chin, I will have an unbeatable champion."

Firpo now claims to have discovered a man with all these ring virtues, a farmhand named Able Cestax, who is 21.

"Cestax," says Lou, "punches twice as hard as I did. He is built like Dempsey, but has a longer reach."

There seems to be a big supply of these white hopes.

Half a dozen of these giant white hopes have been announced in the past few weeks, and only recently Jimmy Johnston said he was matching his latest find, 18st Abe Simon with Joe Louis.



THIS SEASON'S CLASSICS

Details of this season's substitute "classic" and other important races are as follows:

The New Derby and New Oaks are due to be run at Epsom on May 27, the New St. Leger at Doncaster on September 2, the New 2,000 Guineas and New 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 29, and the Gold Cup, the New St. James's Palace Stakes, the Queen Mary Stakes and the Coventry Stakes at Ascot on June 17.

But under the new powers of the Jockey Club, these races may be run on any course selected by the Stewards and on any date subsequent to and within 28 days of the advertised date.

FAMOUS JOCKEY

I hear Charlie Wood, wealthiest and most famous surviving jockey of the last century and Fred Archer's greatest rival, is ill at his Eastbourne home, writes a correspondent.

Charlie, who is 87, won the Derby three times (St. Blaise, St. Gatien, and Galtee More) and has had a more eventful and varied career than any other rider.

About 40 years ago, when he retired, he set up as a trainer. After a year or two he decided to give up the game and go in for building speculation. He sold his Jevington stables for £20,000.

A rich man when he left the saddle, he acquired fresh wealth by shrewd investments.

He has had between 80 and 40 shops damaged or destroyed by bombs.

For 20 years he has not visited a race meeting.

Conway's Post

Herman Conway, the West Ham goalkeeper, has been appointed A.R.P. officer for Burnley.

He held a post in one of the London districts as superintendent and now has returned to the place where he first made his name as a footballer.

Conway played for Burnley for five years before going South and, no doubt, will soon be wearing their colours again.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

FOOTBALL

NO less than 15 Soccer League games were played on Saturday and results were more or less as expected, though Eastern were given a fright by the lowly-placed Club, and only won by the odd goal in five.

St. Joseph's were beaten in the last minute by Navy.

In Second Division, Royal Engineers remain at the head of the table through their win over 20th R.A., while in Third Division, Air Force did well to beat 20th R.A. by 6 goals to 1 after being in arrears at the interval.

RUGBY

AT Boundary Street, Combined Services drew with Combined Club and Police in a friendly Rugby match when they scored a goal and a try (8 points) to a goal



and a try (8 points) after being led at the interval by 5 points.

Combined Services "A" beat Combined Club and Police "A" by two goals and a try (13 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) after leading at the interval by 8-5. Keeble scored a try and converted two of the Services' tries.

CRICKET

ONLY one cricket match was played on Saturday, in Second Division between Revere and Indian Recreation Club. The former won by 82 runs.



ATHLETICS

THREE Athletic Sports meetings were held on Saturday. At Causeway Bay the heavy ground prevented any good times being returned at the Queen's College sports but, on the whole, the standard was high.

At Pokfulam, Gegg equalled a 10-year-old record in the 100 yards' event at the University Sports, while Mazuza was the individual champion.

Two new marks were set for the ladies' events when Miss Hajar Curcen broke the old record for the 50 yards and long jump events.

At Stanley, two records were broken at Stephen's College Sports, Kasetr winning the Small Boys' High Jump event, and a house relay team clipping off five seconds of the 400 Metres' relay record.

STOLEN HORSES USELESS

A broad hint that the stolen French racehorses and stud animals would bring no good to their new German owners was given by Lord Rosebery to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket recently.

Expressing the opinion that after we had won the war there would be an increasing demand for our thoroughbred stock, Lord Rosebery said France, so far as we knew, had lost the whole of her and he pointed out that no one could enter an animal in the Stud Book without the authority of the owner and the approval of Messrs. Weatherby.

"Those people who have stolen the French horses," he added, "will not find them such a bargain as they thought."

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LOSS OF "SNAPPER" OF NORWAY FAME

The British submarine Snapper, commanded by Lt. G. V. Prowse, whose loss was announced by the Admiralty last evening, achieved fame for her exploits in inflicting considerable losses on German communications with Norway last summer.

On two successive days she attacked convoys of German transports and supply ships, sinking three, and probably four, of these vessels.

Later, Snapper, then commanded by Lt. W. D. A. King, sank two other German supply ships, including a tanker.—
Reuter.

BUT LOSSES ARE STILL BELOW TEN PER CENT.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE NAZI "BLACK-OUT" OF MOONLIGHT AIR LOSSES OVER BRITAIN UNTIL YESTERDAY REFLECTS THE SHOCK THE RECORD OF BRITISH FIGHTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS AND "OTHER DEVICES" HAS GIVEN THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND.

After admitting on Thursday the failure of six aircraft to return the previous night, the German communique gave up the daily tally of its own losses.

Yesterday's Nazi communique countered the British claim that 27 German bombers were destroyed while the moon was up from Wednesday night onwards with an admission that 21 were lost in that period.

For two days the German public has been kept in ignorance whether their bombers have "returned safely" or not, and had to be content with exaggerated British losses.

The early closing of Saturday night's raid on Britain was not due to a German desire to avoid the moon, which rose shortly before the attack ended.

Fog, which threatened to blanket out the whole Continental bases, limited the length and scale of the raid.

Nazi Losses

Proportionate German losses last week were under 10 per cent and not at least until that percentage is reached is it likely that night operations of the Luftwaffe will seriously be affected.

Nazi operations by daylight have taken on a different emphasis.

Air Ministry communique, which have "nothing to report," underline the inability of Nazi planes to penetrate far inland over Britain with the R.A.F. in "mastery of the daylight air" over land.

Daylight attacks on shipping, with which the night hammering of ports is linked against the background of the Battle of the Atlantic, may be expected to increase as the weather improves.

Tonnage Figures

In the absence of particulars in the weekly Admiralty releases of tonnage sunk it will not be easy to follow the measure of their success.

Counterblows against enemy shipping by Coastal Command bombers are also increasing, and the defensive arm of the Command is being lengthened and thickened.

The Beau fighter, the R.A.F.'s newest night hawk, is also to be used for long-range operations, the Air Ministry revealed.—
Reuter.

The official report on A.A. activity during Saturday night's raid, which was mainly directed against the south-eastern area, including London, states the enemy again encountered heavy A.A. fire.

One enemy aircraft was probably destroyed by gunners. After the engagement the engine of the plane was heard cut out and the aircraft dived steeply towards the sea. An Observer Corps post in the vicinity confirmed the report of a loud crash into the sea shortly afterwards.

It is likely this aircraft was destroyed but it will be classed only as probable unless further confirmatory evidence of destruction is forthcoming.—
British Wireless.

KWONGHOI RETAKEN

Re-occupation of Kwonghoi, on the Toishan coast in south-west Kwangtung, at dawn yesterday was confirmed by field reports received in Shikwan.

Following the recovery of Toishan, Chinese troops have been advancing rapidly, ejecting the Japanese from many coastal towns. Under the cover of darkness on March 14, the Chinese staged a surprise attack on Towhoi, on the Towshan-Kwonghoi highway, and took it, which enabled them to recapture Kwonghoi the following morning.—
Central News.

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Negotiations Drag On

The Yugoslav-German negotiations are dragging on, with the Nazis still reluctant to agree to the Yugoslav proposal for a non-aggression pact based on absolute neutrality, coupled with recognition of the complete integrity of Yugoslav territory and interests.

Further evidence of the firm desire of Yugoslavia to maintain absolute neutrality is contained in a leading article in the independent Belgrade newspaper "Politika," one of Belgrade's principal dailies.

After emphasising that strict neutrality is Yugoslavia's policy, the newspaper stresses that nobody hitherto has threatened the country but that Yugoslavia would resist an attack from any quarter.

"Tricks Or Pressure"

Yugoslavs would reject all attempts to turn them from the path they were following to-day and would refuse to submit "to any policy of tricks or pressure which would humiliate them in their own eyes."

In the event of such an attempt being made the nation, despite its desire for peace, would defend its freedom and independence. — Reuter.

Countess Edda's Escape

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

That Countess Edda Ciano, daughter of Signor Mussolini and wife of the Italian Foreign Minister, was aboard a transport torpedoed by British torpedo-carrying planes in the Adriatic, was revealed in Rome yesterday.

The Rome correspondent of I.N.S. says that she narrowly escaped death. The transport was on its way to Albania when

ASSEMBLED IN GREECE

And "Still They Come" Rumours From Belgrade

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A FIRM RETICENCE CONTINUES TO BE OBSERVED IN OFFICIAL BRITISH QUARTERS REGARDING THE SIZE OF THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE LANDED, OR LANDING, IN GREECE, ALTHOUGH THE FACT OF SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENT HAS COME FROM GREEK OFFICIAL QUARTERS.

WASHINGTON AND HOTTELET ARREST

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The State Department in Washington announced last night that it had been informed that legal counsel will be granted to Richard Hottelet, United Press correspondent in Berlin, arrested by the Gestapo, and that the case will receive the earliest attention of the prosecuting authorities.

Hottelet was arrested on allegations of espionage activity.

Washington connects the incident with the indictment of Trans-Ocean representatives in America. — International News Service.

it was attacked by two British planes and sank.

The story as told by the Italian newspaper is that Countess Edda was travelling to Albania as a volunteer Red Cross nurse.

The explosion of the torpedoes killed several members of the crew of the ship, but many were rescued, including Countess Edda, unharmed.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT EDDA DISPLAYED "HEROIC CALMNESS AND REMAINED AS ONE OF THE LAST TO LEAVE THE SHIP WHICH SANK RAPIDLY." — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

The Balkans, meantime, is buzzing with reports suggesting that the British Expeditionary Force thrown across the path of the German menace from Bulgaria is numerically equivalent to the Hitler battalions on the frontier.

The Greeks also have substantial troops in Thrace.

NAZI FIRE BLITZ

German raiders dropped many hundreds of incendiary bombs on a West of England town last evening but few fires resulted.

High explosive bombs were also used.

London had a brief alert during the evening but so far no incidents have been reported.

The Air Ministry announce that there is nothing to report concerning the daylight hours yesterday. — Reuter.

Heavy A.A. Fire

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GREATEST DEBACLE OF WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Greek military circles in Athens estimate that between 35,000 and 50,000 Italian troops have been killed, wounded or taken prisoner in Albania in the last week as the Greeks turned the Fascist offensive into the greatest debacle of the war.

Greece is drawing added encouragement from the presence of British troops and from President Roosevelt's speech.

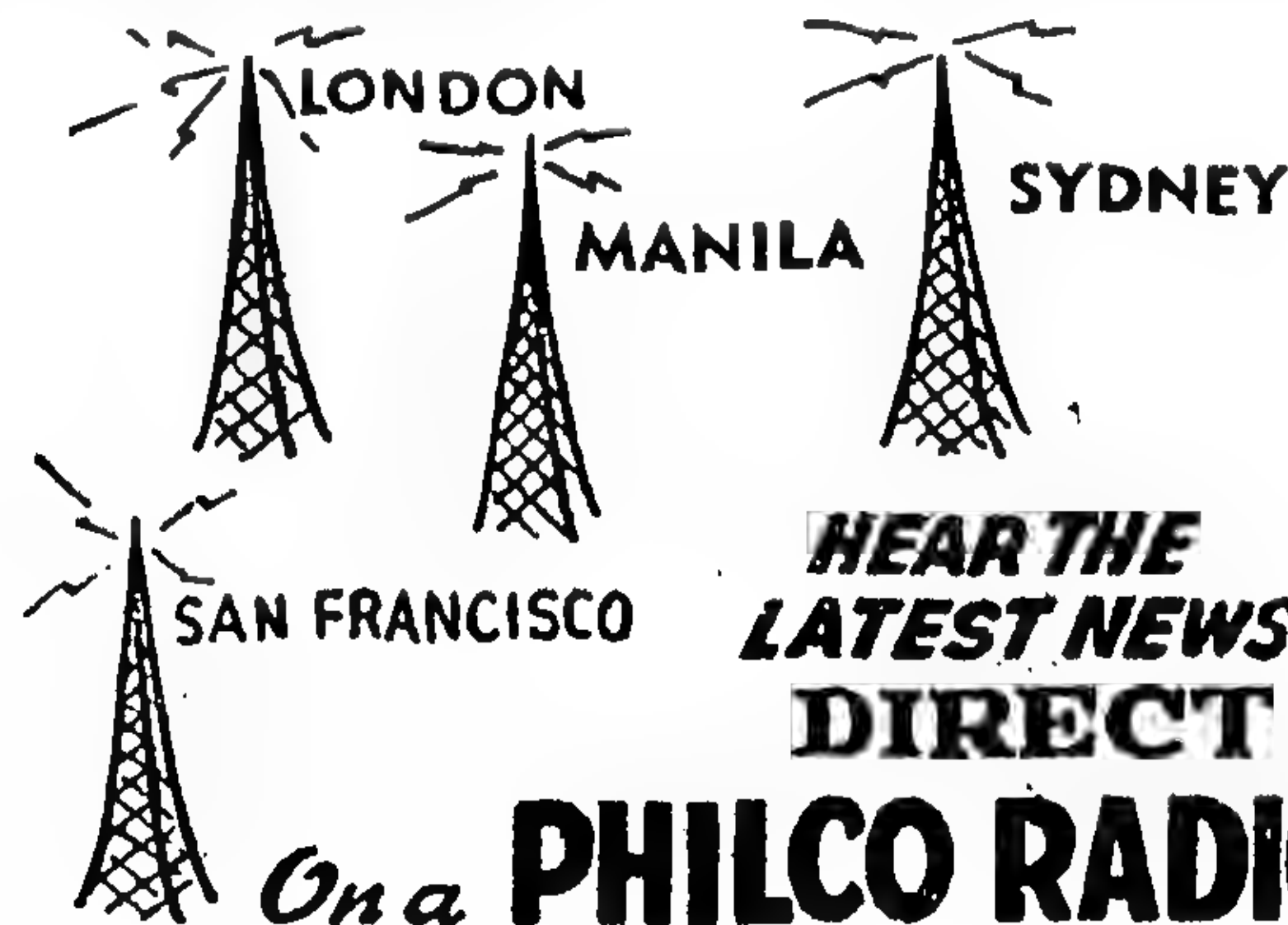
Athens radio stated: "The speech is a political act of the first magnitude, which has officially and irrevocably signed the death warrant of the Axis new order."

The announcer said the speech has galvanised the Greek defenders into intensified action in Albania and has increased the resolve to resist an invasion from Bulgaria.

It is believed that the British and Greek troops in Thrace now outnumber the Germans facing them. — International News Service.

Latest reports, which need to be taken with reserve, come from Belgrade and credit British diplomatic circles in Istanbul as authority for the statement that 150,000 battle-equipped British and Imperial troops are now in North-East Thrace, where they have taken up positions less than 50 miles from the German army in Southern Bulgaria.

In addition, there are, it is stated (again without official sanction from the British Command in Cairo) 150,000 further (Continued on Page 16)



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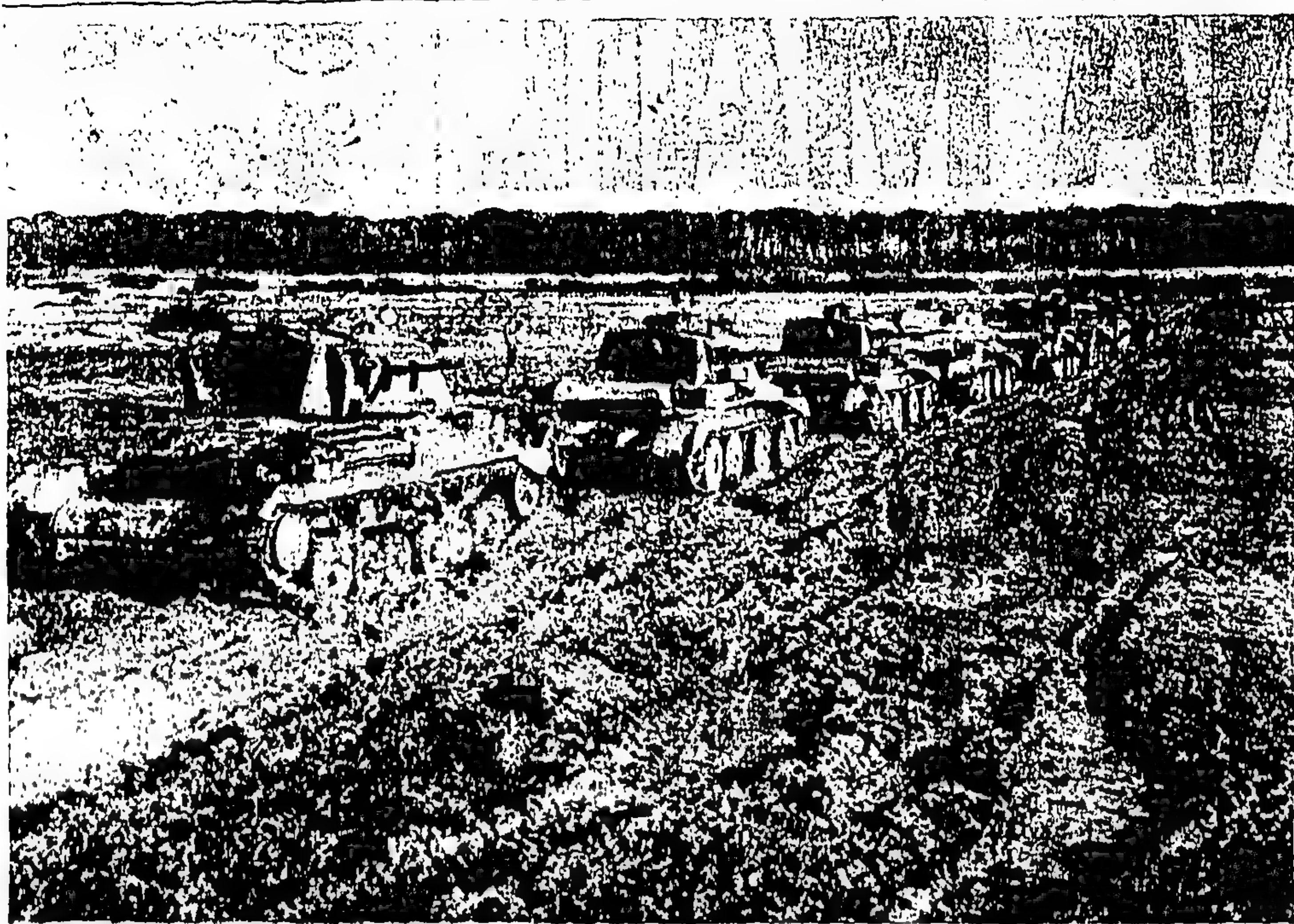
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BRITAIN SELLING UP IN U.S.

The British holding in the American Viscose Corporation, a subsidiary of Courtauld's Ltd., and the largest producer of rayon in the United States, has been sold on behalf of the British Government to a group of American investment and banking firms.

The transfer of what was probably Britain's most valuable single holding in the United States, as part of the programme to raise dollar exchange, was announced in New York yesterday by a British Treasury expert.

TOTAL PRICE CANNOT YET BE STATED BUT THE CONTRACT REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$40,000,000 ON ACCOUNT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN \$80,000,000 AND \$100,000,000 WILL BE REALISED. — REUTER.

ITALY SIGNS A TRADE PACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was announced from Rome yesterday that a trade agreement has been signed between Italy and Yugoslavia. — International News Service.

EIRE'S BID FOR ARMS FROM AMERICA

Mr. Frank Aiken, Eire Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, left Lisbon on Saturday by Clipper for the United States to study the possibility of buying American arms and supplies, says a Lisbon despatch to the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR STRENGTH

The Royal Canadian Air Force was over 50,000 strong on Feb. 19, according to a report filed in the Dominion House of Commons in Ottawa on Saturday, says Reuter.

THE MEAT RATION

The meat ration in Britain this week will remain at 1/2d. worth for adult and 7d. for children under six states the Food Ministry, quoted in a British Wireless message.

NEW CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR ARM

Rear-Admiral Lyster, who commanded the aircraft-carriers from which the Fleet Air Arm bombed Italian warships at Taranto, has been appointed Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of the Naval Air Services.

He succeeds Vice-Admiral Sir Guy C. C. Royle.

Promoted to flag rank a month before the outbreak of the present war, 53-year-old Rear-Admiral Lyster was mentioned in despatches at Narvik.

Vice-Admiral Royle, whom he succeeds, became Chief of the Naval Air Services in 1930. It was the first important appointment made by Mr. Churchill after becoming First Lord. At 56, Vice-Admiral Royle is now being lent to the Government of Australia for duty as first naval member of the Commonwealth Naval Board. — Reuter.

STAGGERED BY POWER OF MOBILE UNITS

THE RAPIDITY AND suddenness of the British and Imperial advance, upsetting entirely the enemy's calculations, constitutes the main reason for the smashing victory in Italian Somaliland.

Information received from Cairo military headquarters yesterday indicates that the Italian general officer commanding in Somaliland did not dream an advance would be made until after the rains, or three months later than expected.

It appears that "our motor transport leaves the enemy gaping at their quality, and our equipment generally makes them envious."

The behaviour of the Askari Italian (native troops), too, has been disappointing, which can be attributed to the determination of the British aerial and artillery attacks.

In addition, their morale is extremely low owing to non-receipt of pay, poor food and bad equipment.

Juba Defeat

Furthermore, much faith was placed in the River Juba, the natural defences of which were considered almost unsurmountable.

Military quarters in Cairo conclude: "There appears to be very bitter feeling between Royalists and Fascists."

"THE FORMER PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE REGULARS, TAKING ORDERS FROM 'POLITICAL SOLDIERS' PLACED IN COMMAND BY FASCISM." — REUTER.

LINER PROPOSAL DROPPED

The large American liners, Washington and Manhattan, will not sail between Lisbon and the United States.

A suggestion was made a few days ago that they should replace the smaller vessels now in service.

The scheme has now been abandoned but the need for more ships on this route is shown by the fact that the American Export Lines' four ships on the Lisbon service are booked up many months ahead. — Reuter.

COLONEL DONOVAN IN LISBON

BEFORE COLONEL WILLIAM DONOVAN, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO EUROPE, LEFT FOR HOME BY THE CLIPPER ON SATURDAY, HE HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH SIR SAMUEL HOARE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, WHO CAME TO LISBON A DAY OR TWO PREVIOUSLY BY CAR FROM MADRID.

It is understood they discussed the question of supplies to Spain, Portugal and unoccupied France. Col. Donovan also conferred with Dr. Salazar, the Portuguese Premier. — Reuter.

CARRYING THE WAR TO REICH

"Some reasons" were given by Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday when he said the splendid leadership of Mr. Churchill in Britain had been splendidly paralleled by President Roosevelt overseas.

"Machines, produced by British labour and manned by British manpower, defeated the attacks made on us by the numerically far stronger German air force last summer," he said.

"That same combination is carrying the counter attack to Germany to make her wish she had never started aerial warfare."

Hitler was speaking so often of his 70 million Germans, standing together against Britain, and made a great miscalculation in forgetting the millions of Britishers from the Empire overseas who were pouring of their own free will into Britain to fight for an ideal. — Reuter.

GUNNY BAG CHARGE

Kwok Sau-chow, 27, merchant, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by exporting gunny sacks out of the Colony without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Mr. M. W. Lo pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendant.

It was alleged that some 2,000 gunny bags were placed into three junks off Connaught Road West on Friday last.

Hearing was fixed for April 4. Revenue Officer Tocher is in charge of the case.

WAR GIFTS BY THE EDMONTONS

The Minister of Aircraft Production, in letters thanking Edmonton, London, and Edmonton, Canada, for their first combined contribution of £8,000 towards the purchase of two Spitfires states: "The gift symbolises the bond of unity between Britain and Canada in this struggle against forces seeking to banish the principles of freedom and justice from the world."

Two Edmontonians seek to raise a total of £10,000. — British Wireless.



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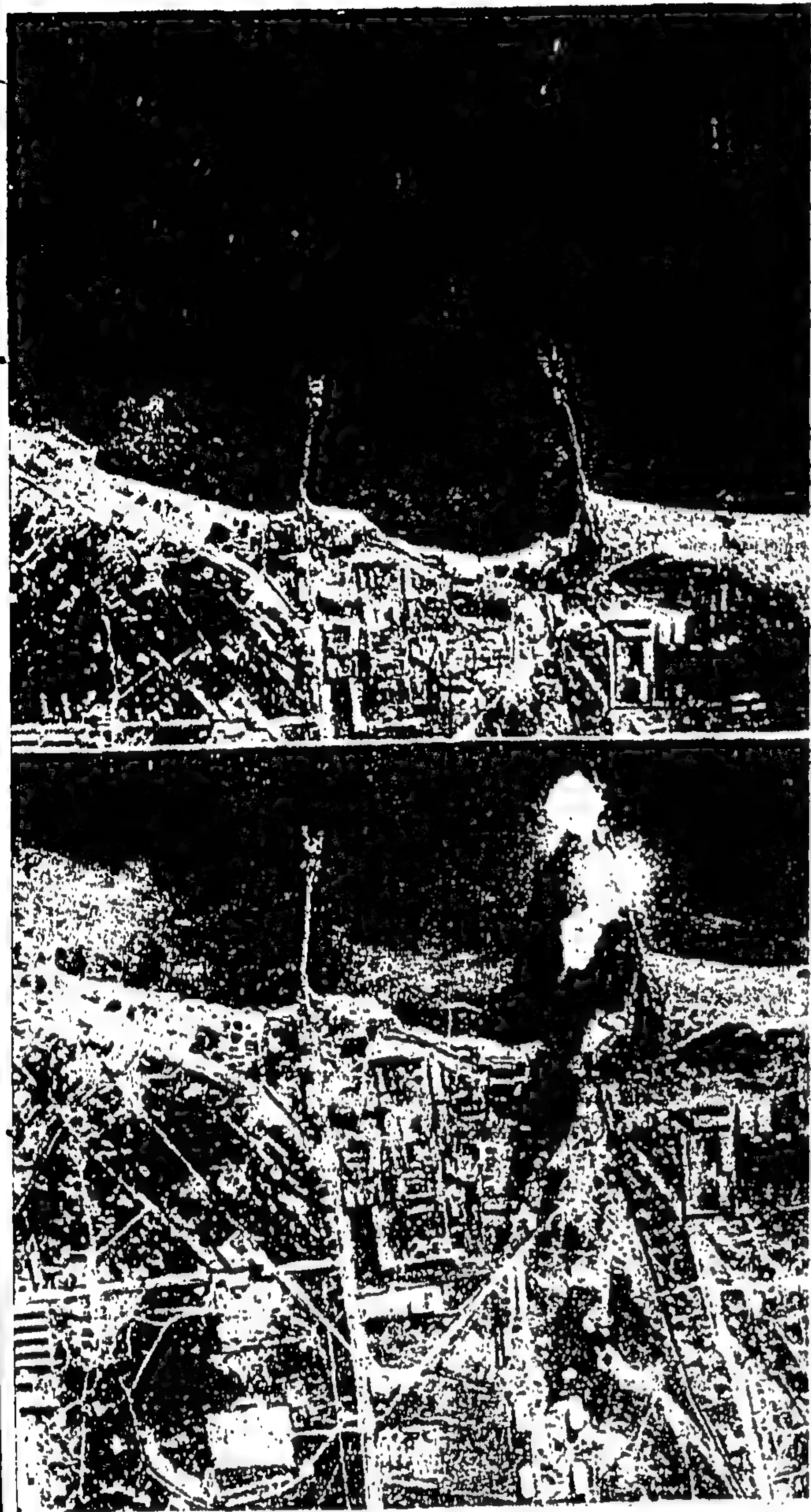
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DEMOCRACY GOES INTO ACTION

Mr. Willkie Praises Pres. Roosevelt's Speech



Britain's aid to Greece and the accuracy of British Royal Air Force bombing are both illustrated in these pictures. Top photo shows the port of Valona before the raid. Below, direct hits being scored on the jetty which was the primary objective, while other bombs are bursting for a distance inland. (Copyright, Fox.)

Putting Fresh Heart Into All Lovers Of Freedom

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH WAS DESCRIBED AS "AN ENUNCIATION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF AMERICA" BY MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, WHO, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S OBJECTIVES WOULD BE BETTER ATTAINED IF HE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO A REAL DEFENCE COMMISSION.

"Appropriation alone won't do the job. We all pray he meets the opportunity to become the greatest statesman of his generation, for he must do so if Democracy is to be saved."

Australia's reaction to the President's speech was expressed in Sydney yesterday by the Acting Federal Premier, Mr. Fadden, who said: "President Roosevelt's inspiring words will put fresh heart into all lovers of freedom."

Mr. Fadden added: "There could be no more magnificent tonic for the British peoples and those other Democracies than the calm, reassuring tones in which he pledged American help on a scale which would have been beyond the wildest dreams a few months ago."

THE GERMAN RADIO GAVE THE FIRST NAZI COMMENT ON THE SPEECH, SAYING "THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH." "No help whatever given to England could affect the issue of the war," added the Nazi announcer.

Death Warrant

"A political act of the first magnitude," is how Athens radio described the speech last night.

The announcer added that by it, President Roosevelt officially and irrevocably signed the death warrant of Hitler's new order.

THE COMMENT CONCLUDED: "IT IS INDEED POSSIBLE TO SAY THAT MARCH, 1941, IS AN ILL - OMEN FOR TYRANNY."

The speech is given great prominence in the Spanish newspapers, and the influential Madrid "Arriba" gives prominence to his words concerning the passage of the Lend Lease Bill.

"This decision is an end to any attempt at appeasement."

No editorial comment is published in Madrid.

Spanish Interest

While Spanish correspondents in Berlin and Rome are minimising the importance of American aid to Britain, the interest of the Spanish people is reflected in the prominence which the newspapers give to news from the United States.

Yesterday, for example, the newspaper "Ya" gives heavy type headlines to reports that new bombers are being manufactured by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation for Britain.

President Roosevelt's assurance that United States aid to the Democracies will be "not partial but total," was particularly welcomed.

MACAO FREIGHTS

FREIGHT ON SHIPS PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAO IS TO BE INCREASED SHORTLY. THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNS.

A combined meeting of representatives of shipping companies which have vessels plying between the British and Portuguese Colonies, is to be held this week to discuss the amount of the increase.

NETLEY PARK FOR THE NATION

A total of 214 acres of land at Netley Park, near the beautiful Surrey village of Shere, is to be acquired for preservation for the National Trust as a result of the purchase by the trustees of the W. A. Robertson bequest which has already presented to the National Trust a number of notable properties in the neighbourhood of London.

The Netley Park estate includes beautiful mixed woodlands with beech, young ash and some larch. These it will be aim of the Trust to restore and maintain after the war.—British Wireless.

American Aid To China

In an editorial entitled "President Roosevelt's Wise and Frank Statements," the "Ta Kung Pao" says that the American Chief Executive's broadcast speech unequivocally reaffirmed the United States' determination to support the Democracies against aggression.

The speech, it adds, also constituted an effective reply to the Axis diplomatic offensive opened by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka's visit to Berlin.

The paper considers the speech as having a particularly important bearing upon the Pacific, because it showed that President Roosevelt had paid the same attention to the war in the Far East as to that in Europe and also promised the same kind of aid to China as to Britain.

The paper reiterates that the danger of war in the Pacific will be greatly minimized if the United States extends further aid to China.

The "Lih Pao" urges the United States to accelerate her aid to China. Although China does not need as much help as do Britain and Greece, the urgency of her

THYSSSEN REPORT CONFIRMED

It is admitted in Vichy that Fritz Thyssen, once fabulously wealthy German steel magnate, has been surrendered by the French authorities and sent by the Nazis to the concentration camp at Dachau.

It will be recalled that Thyssen, who first supported Hitler and then repudiated the Nazi regime when it carried Germany into a war of aggression, fled into France from Switzerland, where he was hunted by Nazi agents.

All his property in Germany was ordered to be confiscated after he had written a scathing indictment of Hitler and revealed that he was in peril of his life for his oppositions to the war.

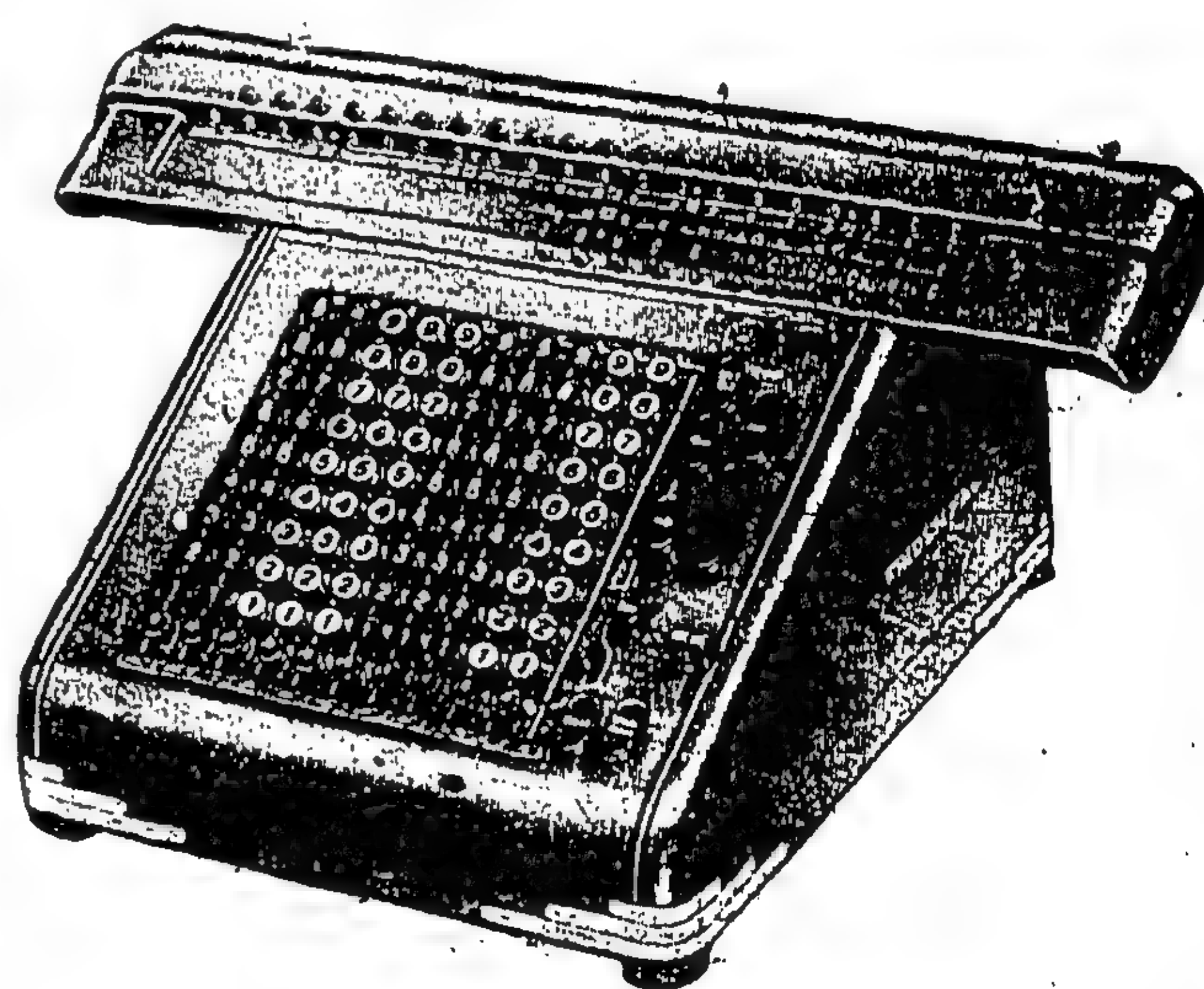
Explaining France's action, officials stated that the transfer was made under the terms of the armistice which required France to hand over all opponents of Nazism within her borders.—International News Service.

need is much the same as that of the other two countries, it says.

The "Wah Tsze Yat Po" says that the President's speech was tantamount to a declaration of war against the Axis Powers.—Central News.

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NO QUESTION OF FRANCE DECLARING WAR ON ENGLAND

A STATEMENT THAT there was no question of declaring war on Britain, was made in Vichy yesterday by the Comte de Brinon, Vichy Ambassador to occupied France, yesterday when he concluded a tour of the occupied regions.

"There is no question of declaring war on Britain," he said, "but, putting into practice the policy of collaboration (with Germany), the country must take stringent measures to effect recovery and to profit from the hard lessons we have had to learn."

Meanwhile, M. Henry Haye, Vichy Ambassador to Washington, had an hour's conversation with Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, yesterday on the subject of food for France.

A message from Washington to the Vichy news agency, announcing this, says: Mr. Hull told M. Haye he is in contact with the British blockade authorities on the question.

M. Haye also said after the interview that the Vichy Government would certainly agree to American control of the distribution of food which might be sent to unoccupied France. - Reuter

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A famous Irish mechanised Hussar regiment will sit down to-day - St. Patrick's Day - somewhere in the Western Desert to eat a belated Christmas dinner.

There will be no shamrock but the spirit of Ireland will be there and the troops will enjoy pork, turkey and Christmas pudding

This regiment was "too busy" at Bardia on Christmas Day to enjoy the festivities of the season. Their fare that day consisted of bully beef, biscuits and water.

Constantly miles ahead of the main body of the British and Imperial forces, this Irish regiment was subjected to fierce bombing and machine-gun attacks until they reaped the final reward by putting paid to the remnants of Graziani's retreating legions in the terrific tank battle of Beda Fomm. - Reuter.

HISTORIC FILM STARS

Selection Committee of the British Film Institute has just compiled a list of 12 stars who have made the greatest contribution to the cinema. The list is:-

Theda Bara, creator of the film "vamp."
Charlie Chaplin.
Douglas Fairbanks, outstanding exponent of action in films.
Greta Garbo.
Mary Pickford, prototype of "the world's sweetheart."
Rudolph Valentino, first great screen lover.
Fred Astaire, for his contribu-

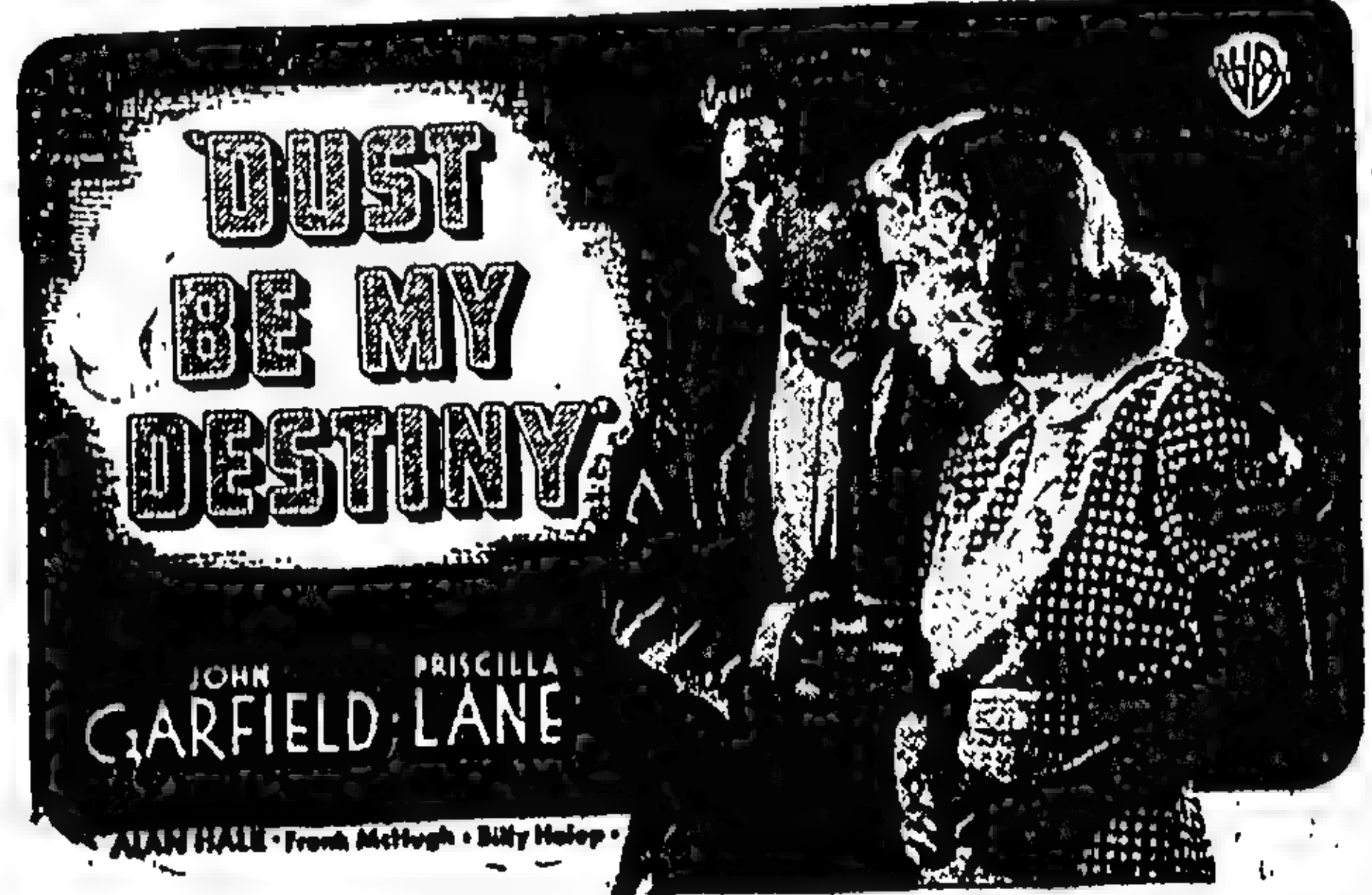
tion to dancing.
Spencer Tracey, characteristic exponent of realism in acting.
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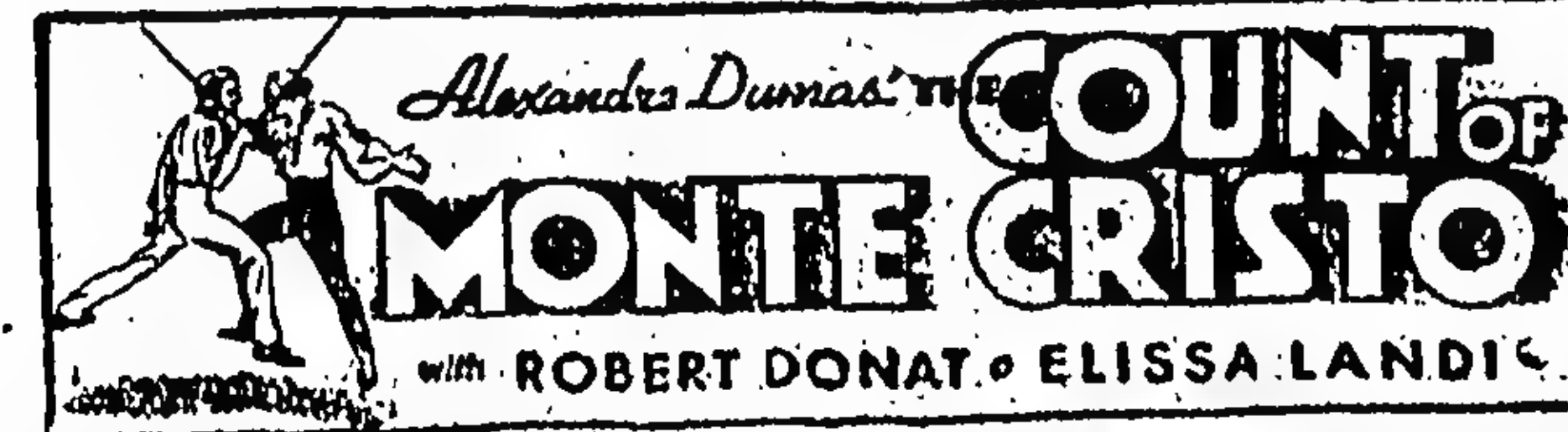
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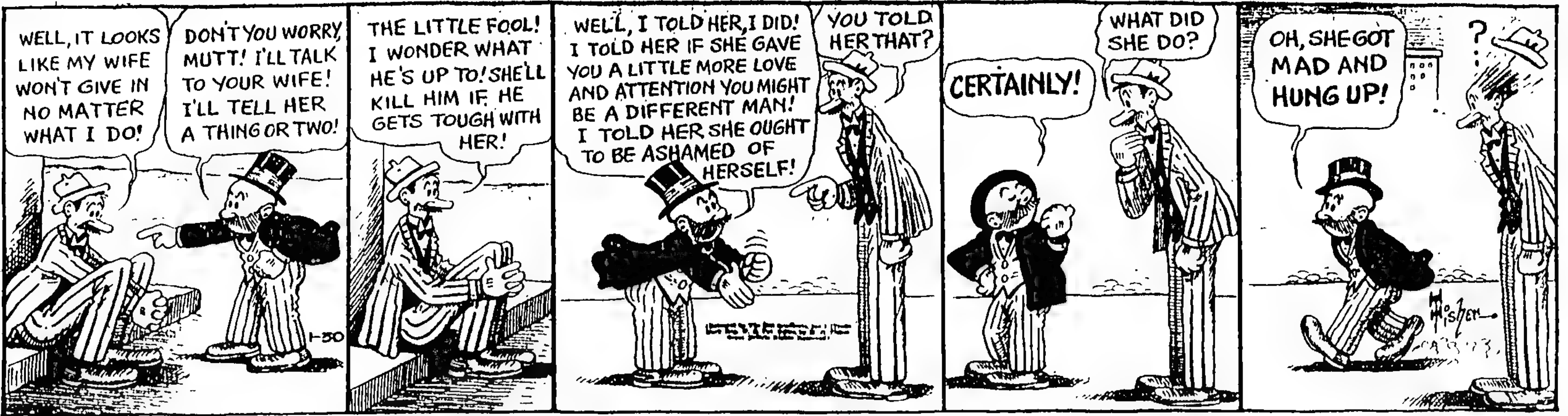
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MUTT AND JEFF

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Greeks Rescue RAF Pilot

A battle between Greeks and Italians, with a British airman as prize, is described in the Greek newspaper "Eleftheron" quoted on Athens radio last night.

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THE AIRMAN BAILED OUT AND LANDED SAFELY NEAR THE ITALIAN LINES. THE ITALIANS PREPARED TO TAKE HIM PRISONER BUT A BAND OF GREEKS SPRANG FROM THEIR POSITIONS AND ENGAGED THE ENEMY.

A hand-to-hand battle ensued which ended with the defeat of the Italians. The British airman was taken back in triumph to the Greek line, where his rescue was suitably celebrated. Reuter.

MISSING 'PLANE REPORTED SAFE

It is now known that an aircraft previously reported missing from last Saturday night's operations by the Bomber Command has landed safely away from its base, says Reuter from London.

U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

Two United States cruisers and four destroyers will arrive at Auckland (New Zealand) to-day in the course of a training cruise.

Announcing this in Wellington yesterday, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, said the warships will leave again on Thursday. Reuter.

BOY ARRESTED AS PICKPOCKET

While watching a procession in Portland Street yesterday, Li Mun, hawker, had his pocket picked by a 16-year-old boy, who however, was arrested by a district watchman.

Before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, the lad was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

MINE EXPLOSION DAMAGE

Several houses were damaged, walls being cracked and windows shattered, in Shap Lung Village, about a mile and a half south-west of Silver Mine Bay (Lantau Island) last Wednesday night when a mine exploded on the beach.

There were, however, no casualties.

According to a belated police report, two mines drifted from their moorings towards Lantau Island at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

One of the mines struck rocks off Shap Lung Village and exploded.

The other mine, it is understood, has been rendered useless by a naval patrol.

VIOLENT STORM IN DAKOTA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SCORES OF HOUSES WERE DEMOLISHED DURING A VIOLENT STORM WHICH STRUCK THE NORTH-WEST OF THE UNITED STATES FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO MINNESOTA ON SATURDAY.

The number of casualties have not been ascertained so far.

The storm raged for several hours causing considerable damage and reaching as far as the Canadian border across Montana. International News Service.

31 Frozen To Death

Thirty-one have been frozen to death in North Dakota and Minnesota in the sudden blizzard and hurricane which struck the two States yesterday, says an International News message from Grand-fort, North Dakota.

ANOTHER JAPANESE RUMOUR

Authoritative Chinese quarters in Chungking yesterday categorically denied the rumours circulated by the Japanese Domei Agency to the effect that a Chinese aircraft factory in Yunnan had recently been removed to Burma which, the agency alleged, indicated the imminent conclusion of an Anglo-Chinese Military Alliance. The rumours were described as being entirely baseless. Central News.

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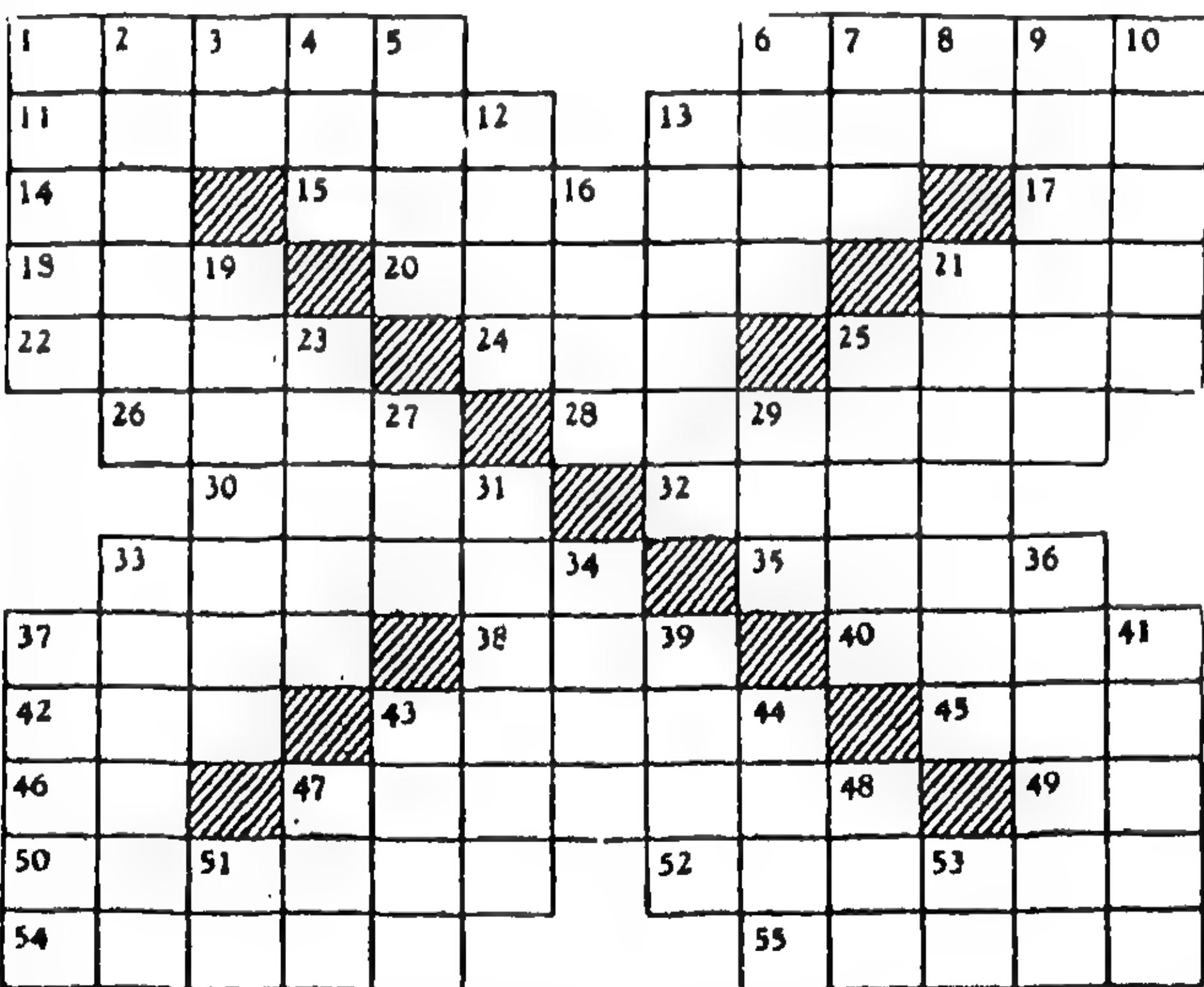
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- 6 To the left
- 11 Opera by Bizet
- 13 South-American beasts of burden
- 14 Part of "to be"
- 15 Consolidated
- 17 Symbol for nickel
- 18 Butting animal
- 20 Retinue
- 21 To mature
- 22 Ancient European country
- 24 Newt
- 25 Solar disc
- 26 Wife of Geraint
- 28 Chooses
- 30 Man's name
- 32 Silkworm
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- 35 Mine entrance
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- 38 Dutch weight
- 40 Conceited person
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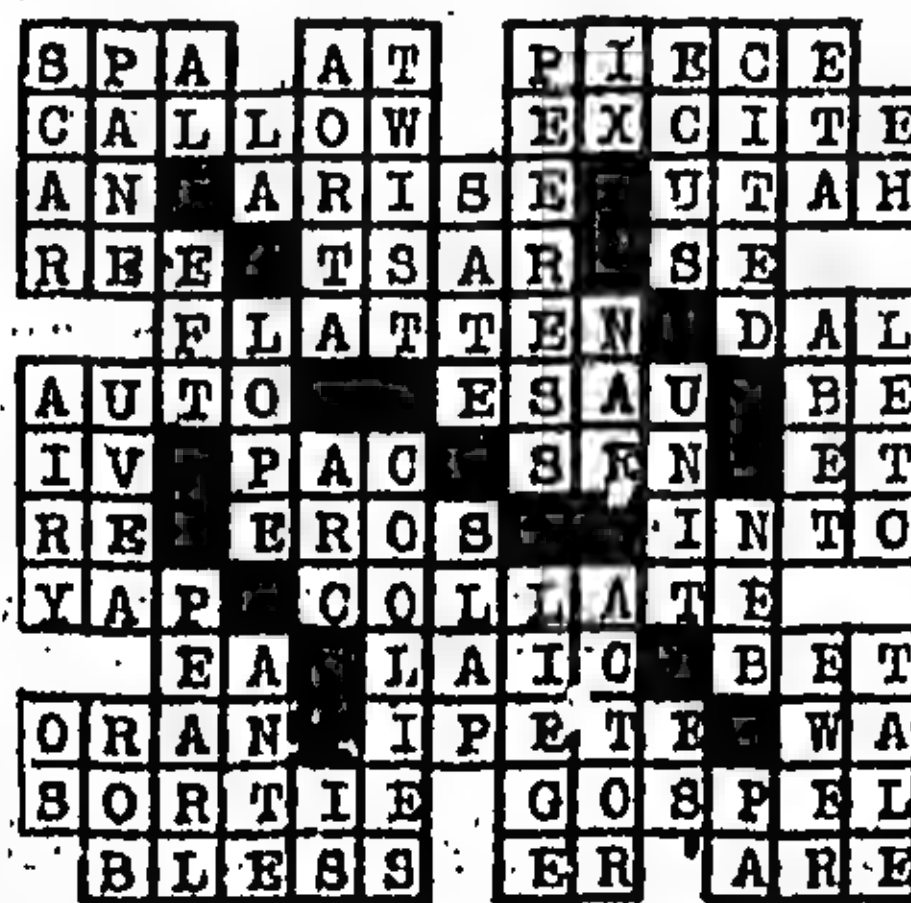
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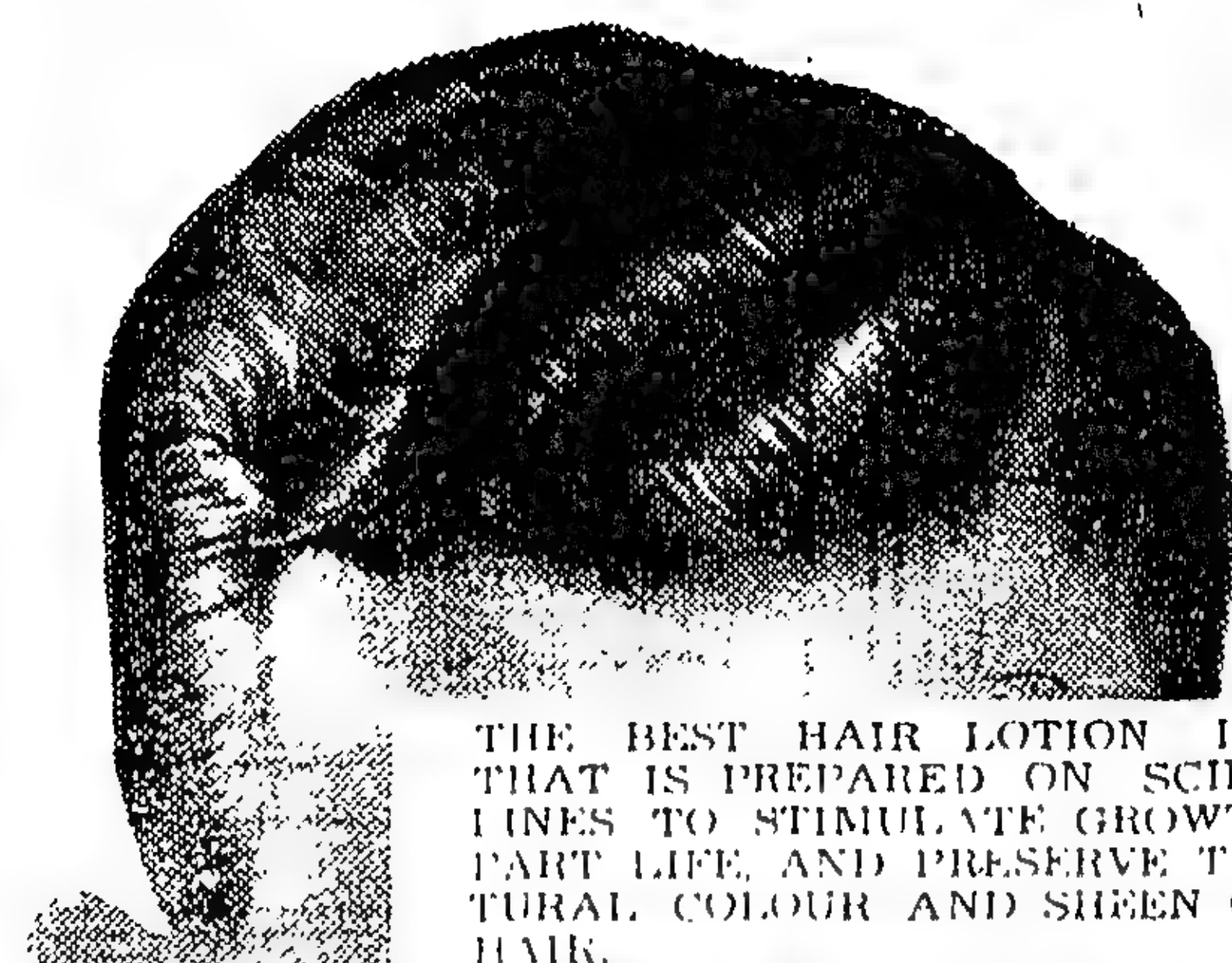
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- 9 Rooms
- 10 Chinese money
- 12 British island in the Pacific
- 13 Small
- 16 Wind instrument
- 19 Goddess of wisdom
- 21 Reaches
- 23 To burn
- 25 Sour substances
- 27 Female deer
- 29 Period of time
- 31 Sluggish gastropods
- 33 Trojan prince
- 34 Tropical food-plant
- 36 Journeyed over
- 37 Scandinavian
- 39 Cries like a cat
- 41 Carries
- 43 Ran
- 44 To transmit
- 47 Aviator
- 48 To fade away
- 51 You and me
- 53 Hebrew letter

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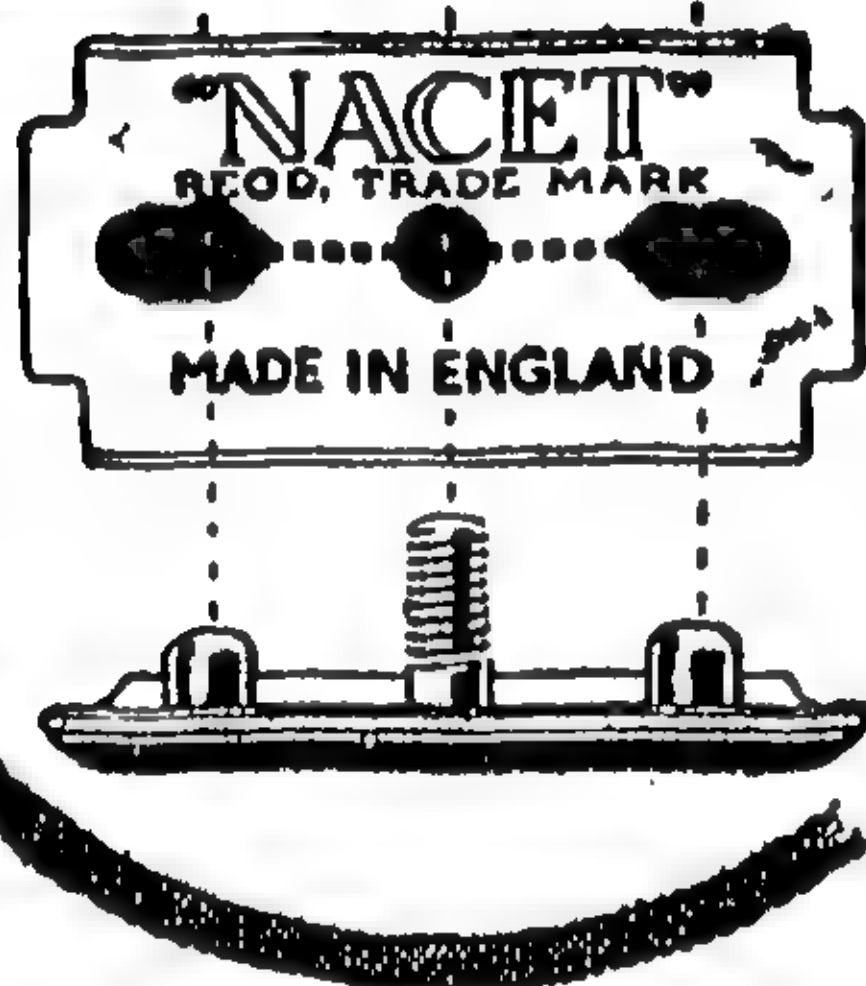
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DEFENCE WINS ACTION ARISING OUT OF SALE OF VESSEL

AT THE SUPREME COURT this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., successfully defended Lo Chun-man in an action brought by Yim Kwan-yuen concerning ownership of the "Dory."

Mr. Potter pointed out that defendant had obtained possession, by purchase, of the "Dory," properly, and that there had been no allegations of fraud against the vendor by plaintiff.

Mr. Eldon Potter was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva while plaintiff was represented by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

In the statement of claim, plaintiff alleged that by agreement made on August 18, 1936, he, his brother, Yim Ng-shang, and Chui Chak-pui entered into the partnership of the Wong Tai Company.

The partnership was made for the purpose of purchasing the "Man On" and of carrying on business running the ship to various ports.

The "Man On" was at the time of purchase and at all material times a Chinese vessel registered in Canton and was brought to Hong Kong after purchase.

The Allegations

Chui Chak-pui, it was alleged, committed breaches of the partnership and an action was commenced against him by Plaintiff and Yim Ng-shang for dissolution of the partnership and the taking of partnership accounts. Before hearing of the action, Yim Ng-shang died, and the judgment decreed the automatic dissolution of the partnership.

Plaintiff then discovered that the "Man On" had, in 1938, been converted into a lighter by Chui without the consent of his brother and had been registered as a lighter at the Harbour department in the name of Chui Chung-tong.

Plaintiff also discovered that the lighter was subsequently sold by Chui to the present defendant, Lo Chung-man, in March, 1939, and that the lighter's name had been changed to "Dory" at present registered in the name of defendant and in Hong Kong.

Plaintiff claimed a declaration that he is entitled as a partner in the partnership known as the Wong Tai Company to the ownership, control and possession of the lighter "Dory" and that the said lighter "Dory" was at all material times the property of the partnership.

The Defence

The defence was that the true intent and purpose of the partnership was that the "Man On" which was the property of the Wong Tai Hop Company be handed over to the partnership business known as the Wong Tai Co. to carry on business on a 40-60 basis. This was only for trading purposes.

It was agreed that Wong Tsui

Hop Company hand over the lighter and thus fulfil the objects of the company and that if the necessity arose when Wong Tsui Hop had to sell or dispose of "Man On" to pay debts, etc., the partners of the Wong Tai Company were to receive all money paid into the partnership less loss, and that the Wong Tai Co. were to offer no obstruction and were not to share in the proceeds realised in the sale of "Man On."

Defendant denied that "Man On" was a Chinese vessel and says that at all material times it flew the Portuguese flag and was registered in Macao in the name of Wong Tsui-hop and Chui Chap-pui as the only shareholders.

The defendant did not admit that Chui Chap-pui committed any breaches of partnership.

Defendant denied that the "Man On" had been converted into a lighter with or without the consent of plaintiff and says that the "Man On" was purchased from the true and registered owners, Wong Tsui-hop, and with the consent and knowledge of the plaintiff and his brother, although such consent was not necessary. The Bill of Sale on September, 1938, was an absolute Bill of Sale.

Bill Of Sale

Defendant denied that plaintiff was entitled to possession of the "Man On" or that the "Dory" was the property of the Wong Tai Co. Defendant admits purchasing "Dory" from Chui Chung-tong who in March 1939, had purchased

BRUCE'S SWORD LOST IN MANSION FIRE

Priceless historical relics, including paintings and a sword which belonged to Robert the Bruce, were lost when Dunstaffnage House, near Oban, was burned to the ground.

The house was a mile from the picturesque ruins of Dunstaffnage Castle, formerly the residence and crowning place of Scottish kings. From the castle the famous "Stone of Destiny" was removed to Scone, near Perth, and is now under the throne at Westminster Abbey.

Defendant contended that plaintiff was estopped from saying that he was entitled, as a partner in the company, to the ownership and control of the ship, because plaintiff, by agreement and conduct, allowed Wong Tsui-hop to be held as the true owners of the "Dory." Plaintiff allowed or permitted the ship to be put up for sale and plaintiff was at all material times, before the sale to defendant aware that the said ship had been sold. He had never made or registered any claim to ownership of the vessel.

GOEBBELS SAYS CUR RAIDS ARE STERN TEST

GOEBBELS TOLD WORKERS of the Blohm and Voss shipyards at Hamburg (says the official German news agency) that British night raids had proved a stern test of discipline.

"There is no turning back for the Reich now," he said. "From the two bitter decades after the World War everyone can work out for himself what destruction and annihilation of the people would be wrought on Germany by her enemies should they succeed in breaking the Reich."

Goebbels expressed gratitude to

workers for "retaining unshakable discipline in their work despite many night raid alarms." "The worker who is forging the armour of Germany's sea power," he concluded, "is in the best position to testify that British night bombers have failed in tangibly disturbing Hamburg's war production."—Reuter.

CHINA MAIL

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HITLER'S WEAPONS

Nearly six months have passed since Adolf Hitler told a wildly cheering crowd in Berlin's Sportpalast that an invasion of the British islands was imminent. "The people of England," he said with scorn, "are very curious and ask: 'Why in the world don't you come?'" And his answer was: "We are coming."

He did his best to come. On the day he spoke these words, an afternoon early last September, the German air force had just begun its series of furious daylight and day-long attacks on Britain - attacks in which, according to Germany's own claims, as many as 2,000 planes were used against a single objective. Those attacks were beaten back. The losses inflicted on the German air force by the R.A.F. were so heavy that Hitler halted his daylight raids. Not since last September has he made another attack by day with anything remotely like the numbers he then used.

A fortnight ago, Hitler spoke again to the German people. This time there was no prediction in his speech of an early invasion of Britain. There was no repetition of his bitter joke at the expense of the British people: "Keep your shirts on - he is coming." There was no boast, as there was last September, that the Luftwaffe can "drop 150,000, 180,000, 300,000, 400,000 kilograms of bombs and more" on British cities in a single day whenever it chooses to do so. There was, instead, the promise of a new submarine campaign.

Hitler cannot be trusted in anything he says, or fails to say. It is quite possible that his failure now even to mention the possibility of an invasion and his failure to boast of German air power as the decisive factor in this war are intended deliberately to divert attention from plans he has in view. Nevertheless, for what his words are worth, from the point of view of the morale of the German people, it is at least significant that he now promises no early end of the war, to be achieved by a miraculous new weapon. His emphasis is back on the same old weapons of the same old regime that once before led the German people to complete disaster: the submarine and the slow war of attrition.

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The "Signals" Never Sleep

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No matter where the battle rages, there must be communication; without it would be chaos and defeat. And so it devolves on the "Signals" to establish and maintain a continuity of contact.

Never before has the great value and necessity of such communication been shown as in the Egyptian and Libyan campaigns.

Faster Signals

How was it done? The answer, in short, is: by the synchronisation of progress in the methods of the "Signals" with the advancement of the war machinery.

Mechanisation has meant speedier signals operations, and the coincidence of these big strides in warfare has been no small factor in the rout of the Italians. Take the methods of communication. There are telephone, telegraph, and teleprinter lines, radio telephony, and wireless telegraphy, visual (lamps, flags, heliographs, and ground strips - these in conjunction with the R.A.F.), despatch riders, and pigeons.

And, actually, most of these could be utilised in the existing conditions - atmospheric especially - in the Middle East.

Hence the tremendous value of the "Signals."

Circumstances, of course, dictate the form of signalling to be adopted, but line and cable communication are commonly used. There is one big advantage here over wireless in that greater secrecy can be obtained.

A wireless transmitting set can be located by the enemy. So it is that wireless telephony has, in recent times, been brought into use to a much greater extent.

Radio, all the same, will always take its place as one of the most

efficient means of communication. In this age of mechanisation, the employment of pigeons might appear almost primitive, but these winged messengers are a very reliable means of communication.

Avoid Gunfire

Extensive experiments were at one time carried out in the use of pigeons equipped to carry small cameras worked by automatic time-shutters to secure photographs of enemy positions.

There were, however, obvious defects in such a system, which gave way to more modern means.

Still, the pigeon remains an active member of the Corps, used

By William Gibbons

as it was in the last war as a message carrier. The only difference to-day is that the small message container attached to its legs is bakelite instead of aluminium.

Pigeons, as a matter of fact, could well be used in the East, where the climate is most suitable to them.

But there is one drawback in the presence of large numbers of hawks. Once they get wise to the course taken by the pigeons, they wait in pairs and prey on them.

The main advantages in the use of pigeons are their speed and stamina. They fly with a following wind up to 60 miles an hour, and can cover distances up to 600 miles.

They are not affected by gunfire or gas (they would fly well above it), and are difficult to intercept.

The Corps of Signals to-day have their mobile lofts each housing 80 pigeons, which are built on trailers and towed by lorry from place to place.

Laying Cables

Cable-laying is one of the major operations in high-speed signals work. Even the laying of cables along the hedgerows is now car-

ried out completely by mechanisation.

The speed of this laying impressed me immensely when I accompanied a crew of four men and an officer on a training spin across country.

The "layer" is a mechanical device which looks much like a small agricultural implement with its driver perched on an extended metal seat, with wheel in hand and foot on brake as though steering a plough.

It is mounted on the lorry, and its 1 1/4 h.p. engine drives a pulley system of rollers and belts.

The two-mile drum of cable is slipped on a spindle, which is actuated by a belt from the engine directly on to the spindle rollers.

It was a simple enough process when the right men were on the job, and I soon saw they were that all right. The layer engine was started up, No. 1 of the crew gave the signal to the driver, the lorry moved off, and as though in a complete motion, the cable was "spewed" out in a fountain-like manner.

Close Contact

The layer driver adjusted his speed to that of the lorry, and at one time we were laying cable along a stretch of roadway skirted by hedges at 25 miles an hour!

Any slowing-up of the lorry was taken up by the layer driver, who, with hands and feet in perfect unison, throttled the speed of the pulleys and operated his hand-brake to check the run of the cable drum.

For the return trip pulley belts were reversed on the rollers so that the drum revolved anticlockwise, and the cable was wheeled in.

For normal operations the layer lorry is followed by "builders" - two lorries, each with a crew of two - whose task it is to erect poles at crossings, farm gates, houses, etc., and make the cable secure.

So you see how it is, with the many efficient methods of communication, that such a close liaison is maintained right from headquarters to units in the forefront of the battle.

Nazi Plan

What are the chances of a German attempt at an invasion of Britain?

A day or so ago I asked one of the R.A.F. chiefs for his opinion. He had no hesitation in saying that the threat of invasion was as great to-day as it has been at any time since the collapse of France.

If Germany's air blitz during August and September had succeeded in breaking down the R.A.F. fighter opposition there is no doubt that the attempt would already have been made.

30,000 Perished

There were persistent rumours a couple of months ago that such an attempt had, in fact, been made, and had failed. They arose from reports that:

In the middle of September, the Germans were having a full-dress rehearsal. Nearly 200,000 fully-armed troops had been loaded into hundreds of flat-bottomed, engine-driven barges anchored at a number of what are now known as invasion ports, notably Le Havre and Cherbourg.

Just as the operation was being carried out R.A.F. bombers made a terrible attack, blasting men and barges to pieces.

Between 30,000 and 35,000 German soldiers were killed, and for more than a week afterwards their bodies were being washed up along the Northern French coast.

That was how the rumour got about.

Undoubtedly, our attacks on the invasion bases, and on the great distribution centre of Hamme, have seriously interfered with Hitler's preparations to land troops in Britain. But it is certain that there still exists a complete and detailed plan to co-ordinate land, sea and air attack, in the hope of getting thousands of soldiers ashore. These would probably then be supplemented by airborne troops, carried either in Junkers 52's or towed in large gliders behind these huge troop-carriers.

Army's Role

The authorities believe that at the first sign of a relaxation of vigilance on our part Hitler will make the attempt. He would, no doubt, be willing to sacrifice a great many men to achieve his great dream.

Then the real show-down would come between the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe. If Britain's airmen could repeat the wonderful show they put up at Dunkirk, Hitler would have gambled his highest card and lost.

Against such time as an attempt is made it is essential that we should go on making our coastline more secure, and that we should maintain a strong standing Army at home.

No doubt the troops would much prefer to be "having a crack at the Ities," but they have the consolation of knowing that their presence is one of the obstacles which Hitler fears would make his invasion venture a ghastly failure.

He knows too, that if he gambled and failed he would "lose caste" with his own people, and if and when that happened the end would be near.

Shipping Threat

Meanwhile, if it has done nothing more, the repeated threat of invasion has diverted many British bombers from his sorely tried industrial areas on to the invasion ports.

While he is forced to keep his army inactive, Hitler is intensifying his war on our shipping.

The R.A.F. Coastal Command is already being strengthened to combat this menace to our food supplies. More and new machines are being put into service, and the reduction which has been noted during the past three weeks in our shipping losses is likely to become more pronounced.

This is partly due also to the success of the raids on the submarine base of Lorient.

Night Bombing

Until one side or the other finds a solution to the problem, night bombing is likely to continue unabated. Both nations are working their hardest to invent something which will enable the defenders to find the bombers in the dark.

There is no single remedy, but there is reason to believe that Britain will be the first to discover how to make night bombing too expensive. Already progress has been made. The Heinkels and Dorniers are finding it increasingly difficult to force their way through the more strongly defended zones.

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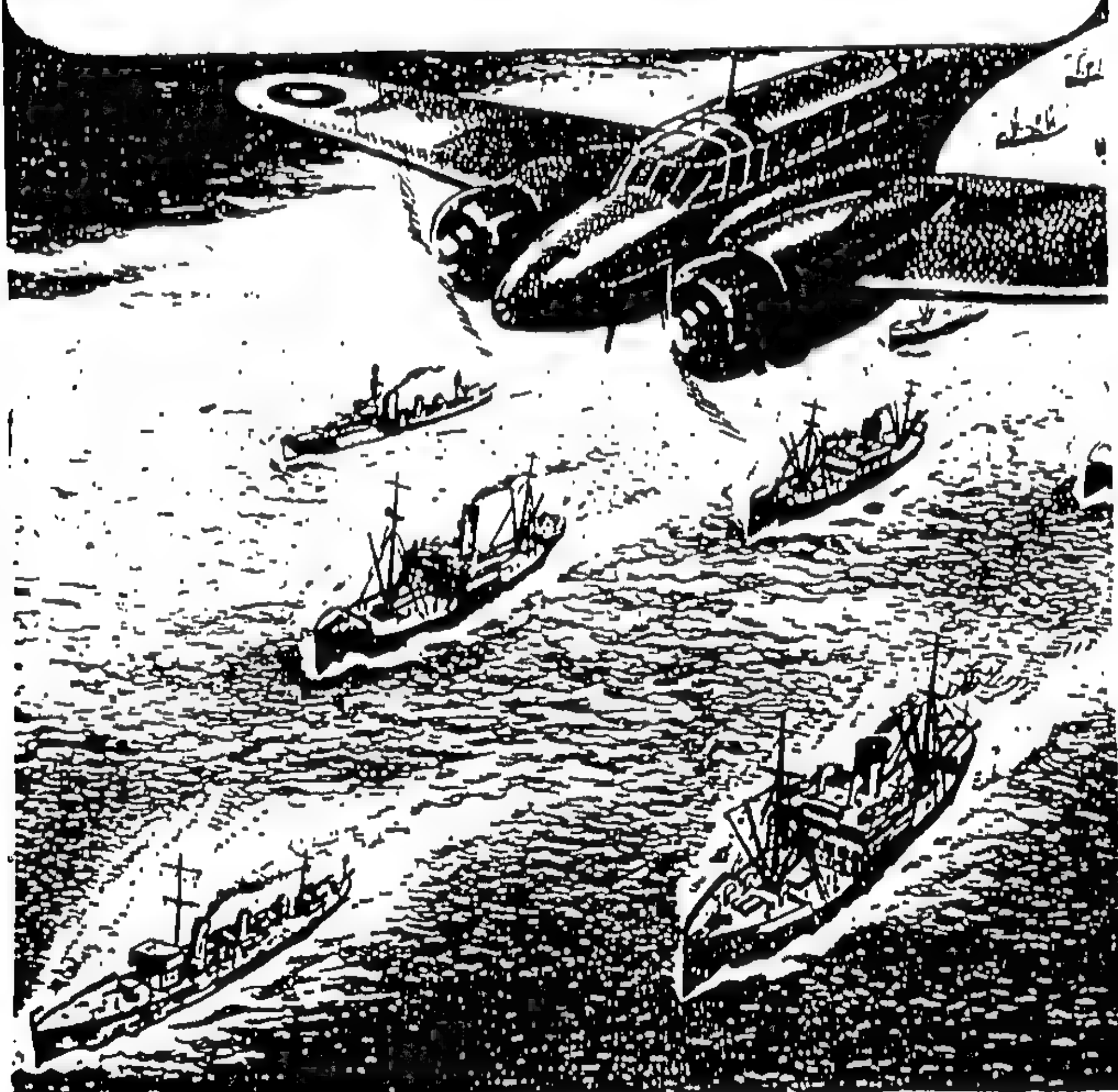
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"LICKING THEIR wounds" after their unsuccessful seven-day offensive on the central battlefield in Albania, the Italians refrained from any major attacks yesterday, said an Athens official spokesman.

The Italians appear to be busy attending to their wounded and, according to prisoners, are making lying attempts to mask the extent of their debacle, added the spokesman.

He described the Italian High Command as enraged at the failure of their offensive despite the employment of 120,000 men.

The spokesman said the loss of Italian effectives engaged was often as high as 40 per cent. — Reuter.

Rome Admission

The first admission that anything unusual is going on at the Greek front, was made by Rome radio yesterday.

Referring to an announcement in yesterday's Italian communiqué, that "in the course of local activity Italian troops captured arms and prisoners in the sector of the 11th Army," the announcer indicated that

"Something more than patrol activity is in progress and that the action was intended as a test of enemy resistance on the Greek front, where things are getting hot." — Reuter.

High Fascist Leaders Casualties

Messages from war correspondents with the Greek Army on the Albanian front state that the Italian forces thrown into the offensive launched at Mussolini's orders seven days ago are put at 120,000 men, operating on a front of about 20 miles.

Mussolini, a message states, lost several of his closest collaborators, including six members of the Fascist Grand Council, of whom some, like Professor Pellegrini, have been taken prisoner and others, like Barbellini, killed.

Italian losses are estimated at some 50,000 men killed, wounded and captured.

The debacle is attributed by correspondents to the accuracy of Greek artillery fire, the skill and ability of machine-gunners and the alertness of the infantry, as well as to a lack of morale in the Italian troops.

Mown Down

Whole Italian regiments, it is stated, have been flung against positions held only by small Greek detachments, only to be mown down by shell fire when they were still 500 yards from the objective. What enthusiasm these unfortunate troops had when they started soon evaporated.

THEIR FORMATIONS WERE BROKEN UP AND THROWN INTO A STATE OF CONFUSION, OFFICERS TRYING VAINLY TO RESTORE SOME SORT OF ORDER AT REVOLVER POINT. BUT FEW OF THEM LIVED TO RETURN TO THE STARTING POINT. — BRITISH WIRELESS.

98 DOWN IN ONE WEEK

During the week-ended midnight on March 15, 42 enemy aircraft has been destroyed over Britain and the British coasts. Of these 35 were destroyed during the hours of darkness.

In the same period the R.A.F. lost one aircraft in this area.

Over enemy and enemy occupied territory and over the sea the R.A.F. have destroyed six enemy aircraft and lost 19. One British bomber which was reported missing from Saturday night's operations and since announced as having "landed safely away from base," is not included in these figures.

In the same week one enemy aircraft was destroyed by a Norwegian merchant ship, one by a British naval ship and two were probably destroyed.

The previous week's figures for aircraft destroyed by ships should be now increased by one, it having been confirmed that an enemy aircraft crashed in the sea after hitting a trawler's mast on March 7.

In the Middle East theatre of war up to March 11, 48 enemy aircraft were destroyed for the loss of three R.A.F. machines.

The figures given here take into account an increase of two over the figure given March 11 and one for March 14. — British Wireless.

KWONGHOI RETAKEN

Re-occupation of Kwonghoi, on the Toishan coast in south-west Kwangtung, at dawn yesterday was confirmed by field reports received in Shuiwan.

Following the recovery of Toishan, Chinese troops have been advancing rapidly, ejecting the Japanese from many coastal towns. Under the cover of darkness on March 14, the Chinese staged a surprise attack on Towhoi, on the Towshan-Kwonghoi highway, and took it, which enabled them to recapture Kwonghoi the following morning. — Central News.

Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, has reported the theft of a gold wrist-watch and some money to the value of \$114 from his residence yesterday.

LOSS OF "SNAPPER" OF NORWAY FAME

The British submarine Snapper, commanded by Lt. G. V. Prowse, whose loss was announced by the Admiralty last evening, achieved fame for her exploits in inflicting considerable losses on German communications with Norway last summer.

On two successive days she attacked convoys of German transports and supply ships, sinking three, and probably four, of these vessels.

Later, Snapper, then commanded by Lt. W. D. A. King, sank two other German supply ships, including a tanker. — Reuter.

BOX HERO HONOURED

At a church parade yesterday attended by Sea Cadets, of which he was formerly a member, a boy hero of Narvik was presented with a gold watch subscribed for by his relatives and friends in recognition of his fidelity to duty during the battle.

His name is Jimmy Harris and his rank in the Navy, "First Class Boy," is descriptive of his character as well.

Harris received the D.S.M. at the hands of the King during a recent investiture. — British Wireless.

ALLEGED FORGED DOCUMENT

Chan Sang, 20, was remanded for 72 hours by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, on a charge of demanding money, by virtue of a forged document, from Leung Ki-cheung at No. 163, Des Voeux Road Central on Saturday.

It was alleged that accused tried to obtain \$120 by means of a letter purporting to be from one named Cheong Yan-leung.

Detective Sergeant W. Summers is in charge of the case.

SEAMAN CHARGED WITH DESERTION

George Ball, seaman of a British ship, appeared this morning before Commander T. C. Stiff charged with deserting his ship during March 14 and 15.

Pending further enquiries, the case was remanded till Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

PARIS TO-DAY A CITY OF HOPELESS

PARIS TO-DAY IS A CITY of listless, hopeless people struggling to maintain an outward appearance of normality but still stunned by what everybody refers to as "le debacle" or "le catastrophe."

A vivid picture was given by a neutral woman who has lived there for many years, remaining right through the war and the Nazi occupation, and is now on her way to America.

"People take no interest in any happenings except the momentary problems of living," she said. They seem equally apathetic about the future. You never hear mention of Petain, de Gaulle, the British or the Germans. If they speak of the past it is to place indiscriminate blame on the rulers of the Republic in the last 20 years.

The French, overwhelmed by their own catastrophe, are not following the further course of the war.

They have, in any case, given up trying to form an idea of what is happening in the world outside the German cordon. They have no trust in their own newspapers and the radio, which they know are merely German echoes. Many tried at first to listen to the British radio, but the programmes are now jammed.

No Taxis In The City

"Yet Paris is slowly returning to an outward appearance of its old self. The most striking change is the almost complete disappearance of motor traffic. The few cars all belong to German officers. There is not a single taxi in the whole city.

"A few motor buses are allowed in the outer suburbs where there is no Metro. The only other motor transport is lorries bringing food. Everywhere are bicycles, often with sidecars, trailers and other contraptions to increase capacity.

"Nearly all the shops, including the famous dress salons, have reopened. The latter are doing scarcely any business, selling perhaps half a dozen dresses monthly. Stockings are practically unobtainable, but there are a few pairs of old stock selling at 100 francs a pair.

"German womenfolk who flocked to Paris after the occupation to buy up everything with cheap francs are no longer much in evidence. Officers, however, are still buying many antiques.

Goering, through agents, is reputed to be the biggest client, collecting especially tapestries. "It is noticeable that the Germans are most courteous to the Parisians, apparently in obedience to orders. They salute on entering shops, and tip generously at restaurants. All hotels are commandeered by the Germans, whose headquarters are at the Crillon. Even the smallest places have been taken over. The Ritz alone obtained special permission to keep a part for its own guests.

"Empty flats and houses, including those vacated by British residents have also been taken. Male Britons are interned at St. Denis, a few miles from Paris. The women remain at liberty, but report daily to the police.

Problem Of Food

"Large numbers of the inhabitants who evacuated before the German advance are now back again. But many have never returned. A pathetic sight is that of hundreds of ravenous dogs and cats wandering in the Bois-Boulogne abandoned by their fleeing owners.

"Food shortage is now France's biggest problem. The bread ration is fairly liberal, but the fat allowance, including cooking, is only half a pound monthly. Cheese is also half a pound monthly, and meat three-quarters of a pound weekly.

"The increasing cooperation of Vichy with the occupied area authorities is illustrated by the fact that rations in both parts of France have been identical since September. Domestic fuel shortage is also acute. It will be impossible to heat many blocks of flats this winter."

She added that the Paris black-

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Appended is the latest list of subscriptions received for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch.

The Committee of the British War Organisation Fund are most grateful to the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for their most generous donation of \$30,000. Previously Acknowledged £100 & \$652,381.12: D. G. Day (Monthly) \$15; A. H. Guinness (Monthly) \$20; A. M. Kennedy (Monthly) \$30; J. S. Dunnett (Monthly) \$20; L. E. N. Ryan (Monthly) \$100; Royal Hong Kong Golf Club proceeds of Ladies Section Stapleford Competition \$10; Nestle's Milk Products (China) Ltd. \$1,000; Capt. I. J. Lassius (February) \$20; D. E. Clark (Monthly) \$50; "Q" \$500; Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Lady MacGregor \$1; The Members of the staff of the Hong and Whampoa Dock in Memory of the late Mr. J. G. Ozorio \$159; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (Monthly) \$10; Mrs. Mason (Proceeds of Raffle of bracelets) \$132; Hong Kong Jockey Club \$30,000; Fung, Keong Rubber Manufacturing Ltd. (Jan/March 1941) \$600; and R. Hancock (Monthly) \$25. Total \$685,073.12.

SHOOTING INCIDENT

A SHOOTING INCIDENT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING WAS REVEALED BEFORE MAJOR A. N. MACFEDYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WHEN TWO WOMEN WERE CHARGED WITH APPROACHING WITHIN 100 YARDS OF THE ISLAND.

It was stated that early yesterday morning a junk, carrying a man and two women, went ashore on the island. An Indian constable on duty went up to them and the man was alleged to have struggled with the constable, who shot him in the lung with his revolver.

The man was admitted to Kowloon Hospital where his condition was reported to be very serious. The wounded man was the master of the junk, while the two women were his wife and daughter. Pleading guilty, both accused were placed on a \$3 bond to be of good behaviour for three months.

WOUNDED MEN ENTER HOSPITAL

Three Chinese, Chung Ming, 32, Wong Tak, 25, and Li Kwan, 25, all residing at No. 25, Cornnaught Road Central, ground floor, were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from gun shot wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by Japanese who visited Ma Lam Tau, Chinese territory, a week ago.

They arrived in the Colony yesterday by a trading junk.

WOMAN FINED

For selling tickets outside the Sun Wah Theatre, a 16-year-old married woman was fined \$5 by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

out has been much stricter lately. Orders were recently posted in the streets commanding absolute observance of the new rules.

HEAVY WAICHOW AIR RAIDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Widespread air raids on highways leading from Waichow into the interior, and on towns and villages along the East River, are being carried out daily by Japanese aircraft operating in groups of three or five machines, according to a report from Swabuc.

Much damage has been done to communications between Waichow and other parts of Free China, while towns and villages were partly demolished by high explosive bombs.

Only a few casualties have been registered, but damage to property is said to be extensive.

The Japanese aircraft are believed to be operating from Swatow and from a Japanese aircraft carrier off the coast of Hailukfung. — Our Own Correspondent.

WEDDING TO-DAY

The wedding of Mr. John Barrow, of the Colonial Administrative Service, Island House, Tsimshui, and Miss Katherine Ellinor Collicie, Nursing Sister, Queen Mary Hospital, is to take place at St. John's Cathedral at 4.30 this afternoon.

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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary & Manager
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
14, Des Voeux Road, Central,
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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOLES

Plot And Counterplot By The Four Aces

We find to-day's hand fascinating because of the brilliance with which both sides played:

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 10
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ 4
♣ A J 10 9 4 3

♠ A 7 6 3
♥ K 6
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 8 6

♠ A 10 8 7 4
♥ 3
♦ K 10
♣ K Q 7

♠ Q 9 8 4 2
♥ A Q
♦ A Q 7 6
♣ 5 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of hearts, South gratefully winning with his Ace. Then, ignoring the clubs,

South led a spade and finessed dummy's ten. South knew that East must hold the spade Ace, diamond King, and club King-Queen for his opening bid of one heart. Since both club finesses

were bound to fail, any attempt to set up the dummy's long club suit would fail because of the lack of entries to the North hand. So South decided to set up his own hand and use the dummy just for a couple of odd tricks.

East won the finesse of the spade ten with his Jack and brilliantly returned the King of clubs. If dummy took the club Ace, the Jack of hearts could never be cashed, and South would have only eight tricks. But South avoided this trap by refusing to take dummy's Ace, and now East was obliged to shift, since another club lead would give dummy the entire suit.

East's shift to a low heart was won by South's Queen, and a spade lead went to East's Ace. East returned the King of diamonds, hoping that his partner held as good as Queen-nine in the suit, but East's defensive skill was wasted, for South was able at this point to cash his top diamonds and spades, after which dummy was entered with the club Ace for the cashing of the heart Jack.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 9 6
♥ A K 4 2
♦ —
♣ A J 9 4

The bidding:

Maier	You	Schenken	Jacoby
3♦	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. This unusual bid demands a takeout by your partner and is forcing until game is reached. There should be a fine play for game in almost any four-card suit your partner holds (except diamonds); and your powerful bid suggests Slam if your partner has as little as two or three picture cards.

Score 100% for four diamonds, 20% for double.

Question No. 666

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable you hold:

♠ Q 3
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ K 10 7 3

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	Jacoby	You
3♦	DBL	Pass	(?)

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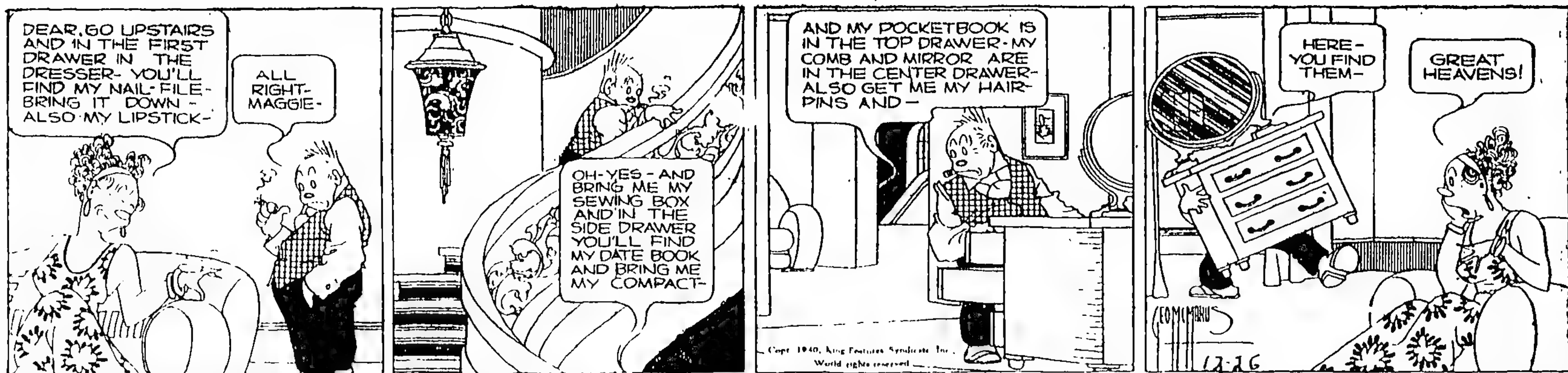
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Simple Brushing Routine

Little eyelashes are a common complaint of women. And many whose lashes break off also complain about them being too short. Eyelashes, like hair, depend greatly on nourishment from the bloodstream. If you are lacking in certain vitamins your hair and brows, and lashes will not have the luxuriant growth for which you yearn. But the simple habit of brushing them two or three times a day with a lubricant will greatly enhance their beauty. In this way you attempt to supply the hair with what it cannot get from the bloodstream, and you also avoid having the sun and air rob the lashes of natural lubrication.

Diligence Counts

If you make it a habit to brush your lashes and brows with an appropriate lotion or cream each night before you retire, and again after you have finished applying your make-up, you will be very pleased with the improvement of your eyelash beauty.

There are several splendid prepared eyelash creams and lotions on your cosmetic counter, and lash brushes are sold there too. Keep these with your powder and lipstick to remind you they must be used every morning and every night.

If you grasp your lashes between thumb and first finger and gently tug them the blood circulation at the roots of the hair will be stimulated. This helps the growth too. After thus exercising them, dip the brush into the lotion or cream and brush the lashes first downward with eyes closed, and then upward and outward with the eye open. Practice will give you a steady hand for you must never get any foreign matter in your eye if you can avoid doing so.

Some women find that anointing the eyelids with a bit of vaseline helps the growth of their lashes, as does the use of a rich eye-wrinkle cream which is used under the eyes as a night massage.

Use Eye Wash Too

If you make your own eyewash, or buy one of the few well recommended ones, you may wash your eyes every day, especially if you live in a town or city which is dusty. Those in the clear country will not find it necessary to rinse the eyes more frequently



Lucille Fairbanks brushes her lashes and brows daily with a rich lubricant.

than once or twice a week unless it is dry and dusty too. Careful treatment of the eyes will prevent any inflammation or eye disease which always takes a heavy toll of eye beauty. By all means refrain from using any preparation which claims to make your eyes larger or brighter. Only good health and careful daily treatment will preserve or enhance your eye beauty.

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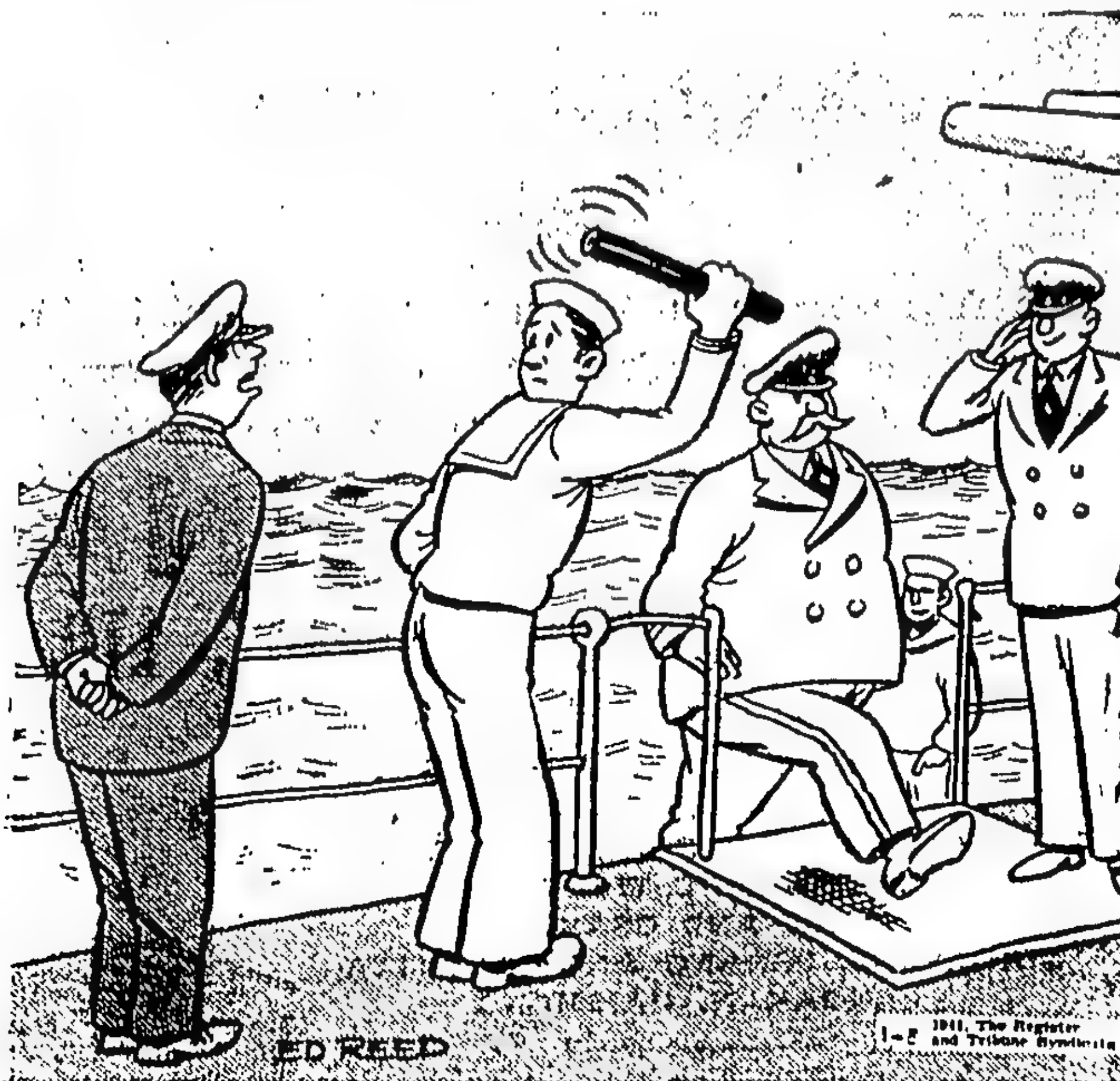
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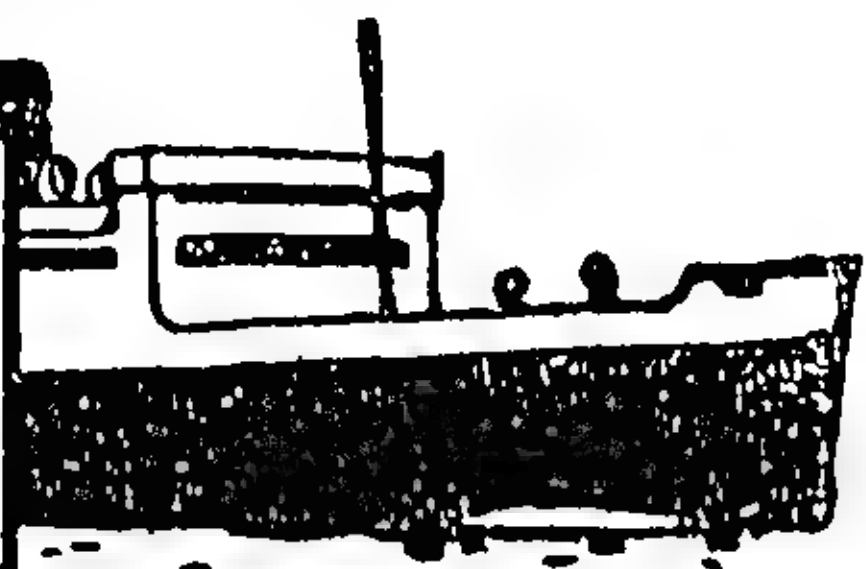
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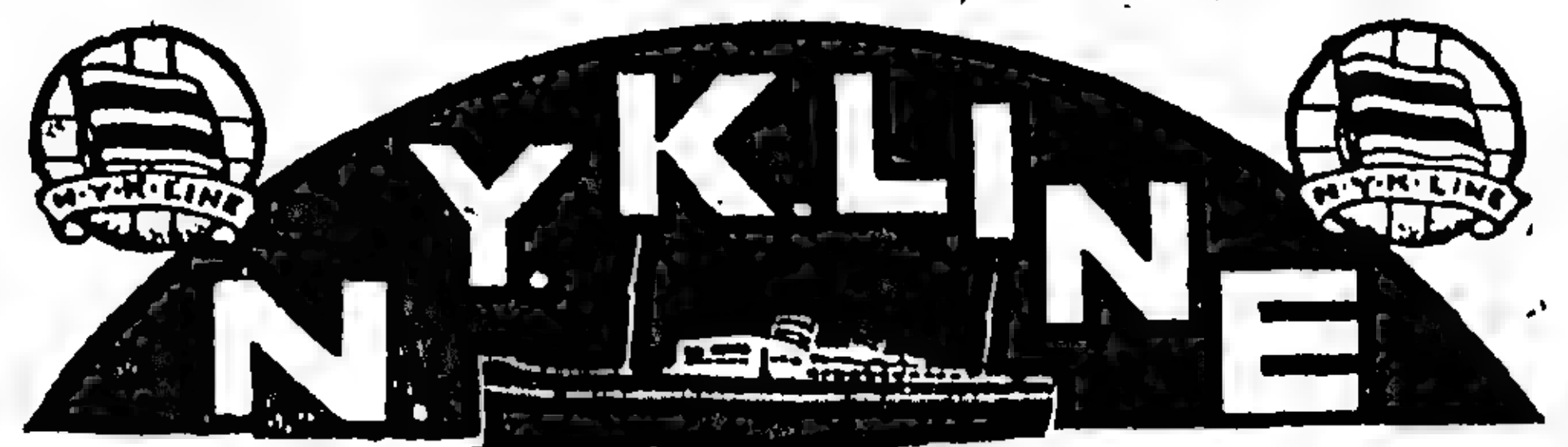
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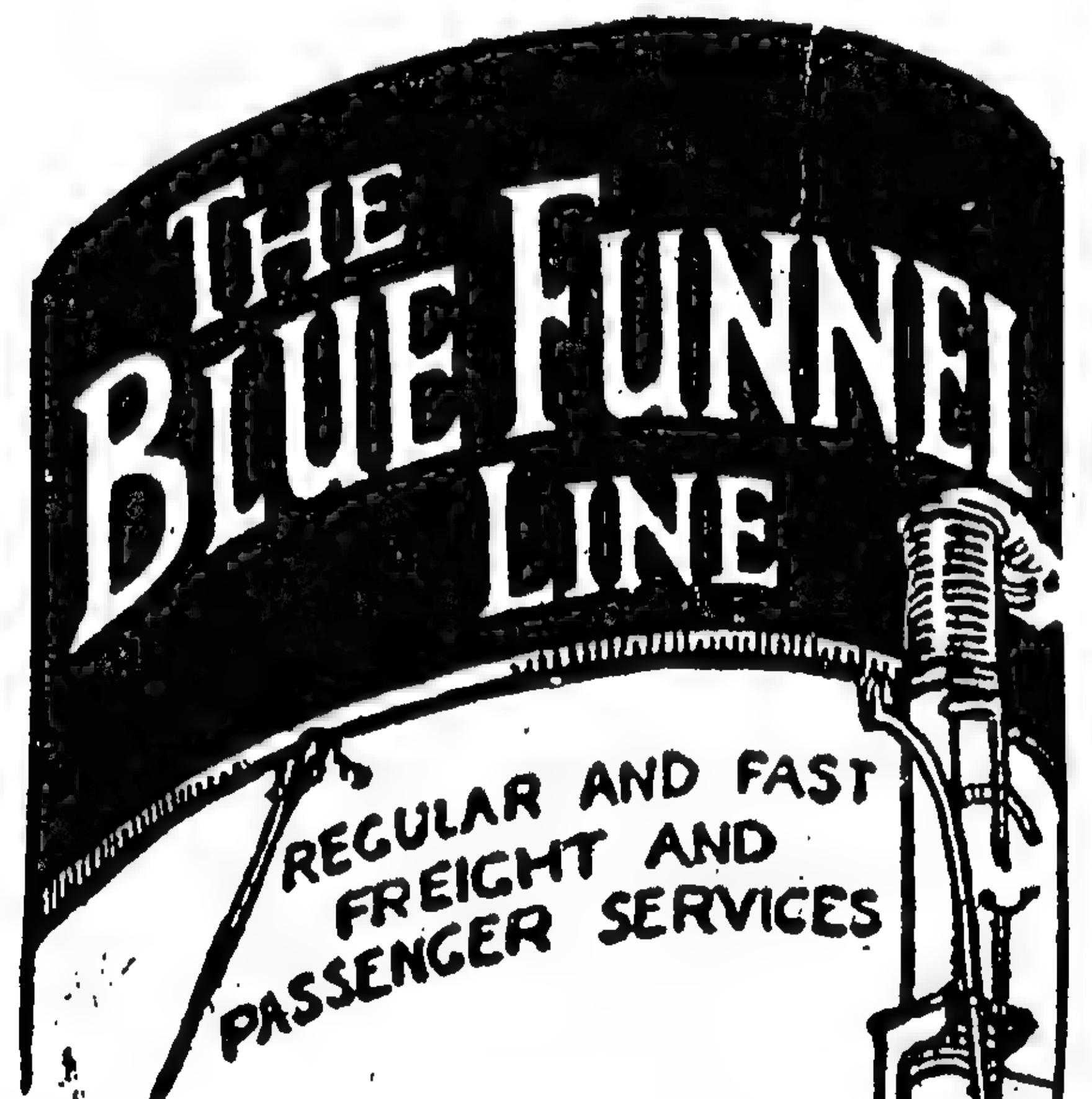
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BERG'S GALLANT FIGHT

Almost Knocked-Out But Wins On Points

Big London Boxing Display

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE were turned away from the Cambridge Theatre recently when Londoners had their first opportunity for six months of seeing big boxing, writes Norman Hurst.

In the main contests Jack (Kid) Berg and Dave Crowley, former British light-weight champions, beat Harry Craster and Johnny Cunningham respectively, although both conceded over half a stone in weight.

It was the old Berg in his will but point-adding punches that eagerness to take the initiative and carry the fight to a heavier and stronger opponent.

Time after time Berg would put the Middle-brough man in a corner with light but coming punches.

Craster seemed content to play a waiting game. He would smother up under Berg's attack, and then suddenly unleash a terrific left or right swing to the jaw.

Berg tried in the fifth round, and in the next Craster suddenly hooked a terrific right to the jaw when coming out of a clinch that nearly tore Berg's head off.

Berg, with nose bleeding, and legs wobbling, was punched across the ring and went down for a count of four. But he quickly got up again, fighting desperately, and actually managed to put Craster down for a count of two.

Crowd Rose To Berg

Berg was wobbly but game, and the packed house rose to cheer him. From then on it was Craster backing himself to score on a big punch against the hail of light

Berg delivered.

Berg has lost a lot of his old speed and much of the punch that made him popular in America, but he still retains the spirit and willingness to fight, and when his hand was raised as the winner he had well earned the verdict.

There is little that can be said about the Crowley-Cunningham fight.

Despite a big advantage in height, weight, and reach, Cunningham never showed any inclination to take the initiative, nor was the left hand he poked out in an attempt to stop Crowley's rushes any use.

Crowley weaving and bobbing, was inside Cunningham's guard before the soldier knew what it was about, and was always beating a tattoo on Cunningham's ribs.

It was a poor fight, but Crowley cannot be blamed, for he certainly tried all he knew to make a fight of it.

When the referee raised Crowley's hand as the winner, I do not think Cunningham could have been credited with one session.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER GAME POSTPONED

Owing to the unplayable state of the Navy ground, which was some inches under water when visited by the Referee and other officials, the second game of the Governor's Cup competition which was to be played yesterday was cancelled.

The decision was made after noon.

SOLD DERBY AND TWO 'NATIONAL' WINNERS

A sportsman who sold a 100 to 1 Derby winner, Aboyeur, a 100 to 1 Grand National winner, Gregalach, and another "National" winner, Grakle, has been appointed a Steward of the Irish National Hunt Committee.

When Mr. T. K. Laidlaw, the new Steward, bred Aboyeur, he little knew that he had the colt destined to be one of the central figures in the racing sensation of the century.

The story of Gregalach's disqualification and the Epsom Stewards' decision awarding the race to Aboyeur, the most hotly criticised of any within memory, is too well known to be told here. But the sequel was that Mr. Ismay sold Gregalach and retired from the turf in disgust.

Gregalach's "National" victory in 1929 was at the main expense of probably the best chaser of the past two decades never to win the race—Easter Hero.

Until two or three fences from home Easter Hero looked like coming home alone, but weakened, and Gregalach overtook him to win decisively.

When Grakle won his "National" in 1931 he had Gregalach as runner-up.

YACHTING RESULTS

The result of the third cruiser championship and the first division of the seventh cruiser championship was held yesterday over 24 miles by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Results:

"R" CLASS, DIVISION I			
	Cor.	Pts.	Pos
Dorinda, E. Cock	3.26.55	9	1
Yehonala, Belman	3.39.36	35	2
Donna, A. O. G. Mills	3.53.34	39	3
Red Rover, R. W. Bate-			
man	4.02.26	19	4
Norena, P. C. M. Sedg-			
wick	4.11.21	36	5
"R" CLASS, DIVISION II			
Tyrone, B. Herschend	4.32.50	42	1
Evelene, R. L. Ber-			
ridge	4.46.05	33	2
FOUR TONNERS			
Typhoon, D. Campbell		39	1
Curlew, D. N. F.		30	
Tern, D. N. F.		27	

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles

R. E. Guest v Pang, Ol-Jam (3).
C. Dunne v Lt. Shields, Goodman (6).

Funq Yee-pui v Kenneth Lo (7).
Tsui Wai-pui v O. Rümjahn (8).
S. T. Chau v Wo Chung (1).

Open Doubles

J. S. Treobald and P. J. Skipwith v J. M. A. Hazelt and A. R. Minu (5).

RUGBY CUP

Yorkshire Rugby League commence their County Challenge Cup Competition to-day, dates being fixed as follows:—First round, March 15; second round, March 22; semi-final, March 29; final, April 5.

It is expected 14 clubs will take part, Hull Kingston Rovers being unable to compete as their ground is not available.

As last season, 20 per cent. of the gate receipts at each match will go into a pool along with one-third of the final gate, and the clubs participating in the competition will share the pool.

GRIMMETT'S SUCCESSOR RETIRES

Frank Ward, who was hailed by some Australian optimists as a "second Grimmett" but wasn't, has retired from first-class cricket.

Maybe he never got over the battering he received from Hutton, Barnett, Paynter, and Compston during his first and only Test at Nottingham last tour.

His average was 0 for 142 in 30 overs, yet he showed some of the most courageous batting of the series.

Hailed as the "mystery man" during the controversy which followed the non-selection of Grimmett for the tour, Ward had a similar action to the "gnome"—but there the likeness ended.

Following his disastrous Test debut, Ward took 5 for 103 against the Gentlemen, but then made so few appearances that it was wondered whether he had gone home until he was seen operating Bill Brown's cine camera at the Oval Test.

KING'S FILLIES SELL WELL

An aggregate of 16.96 guineas was reached at the Newmarket Sales recently, when fillies from the King's stud, at Sandringham, sold well.

Too price was realised for His Majesty's Great Truth, a three-year-old filly by Bahram, the Derby winner, out of Frankly. She was bought by Mr. J. L. Jarvis, the Newmarket trainer, for 1,300 guineas.

A colt foal by Bahram out of Love Tie was returned as sold to "Mr. Cash" for 1,000 guineas. The buyer was a well-known woman owner who preferred to remain anonymous.

The total for the 120 lots sold was 47,303 guineas. The price paid by Lord Glanely for the stallion Tiberius was 5,700 guineas, not 5,200 guineas. The aggregate for Sir Abe Bailey's horses was, therefore, 43,177 guineas.

RACING AT FANLING

In connection with the March Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, which will be held over the Kwantli Course on Sunday, March 23, Race No. 6, the Kangaroo Cup, has been cancelled and the following event substituted:

The Dublin Consolation Cup, a flat race of half-mile for China ponies, "E" Class, that have started at this meeting. Weight as allotted for the Dublin Handicap. Winner barred. Ponies placed second and third 5 lb. and 3 lb. penalties respectively. Winner \$250, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100. Post entry \$5.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the football programme for the week:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

First Division	
Royal Scots	v Navy
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)	
South China	v Police
(Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.)	
Third Division	
36th R.A.	v Air Force
(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)	
7th R.A.	v Signals
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)	
12th R.A.	v Engineers
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)	

SATURDAY

Senior Shield Semi-Final	
Eastern	v Navy
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)	
First Division	
Club	v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)	
Police	v Kowloon
(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)	
Junior Shield Semi-Final	
Service Corps	v Navy
(Club, 2.15 p.m.)	
Second Division	
Middlesex	v Police
(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)	
Royal Scots	v Club
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)	
Rt. Chee	v Ordnance
(Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)	
Third Division	
12th R.A.	v Air Force
(Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)	
Signals	v A.S.A.
(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)	
36th R.A.	v International
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)	
7th R.A.	v 7th R.A.
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)	
Shell	v Medicals
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)	

SUNDAY

Senior Shield Semi-Final	
St. Joseph's	v South China
(Navy ground, 4.00 p.m.)	
Junior Shield Semi-Final	
Sing Tao "B"	v South China
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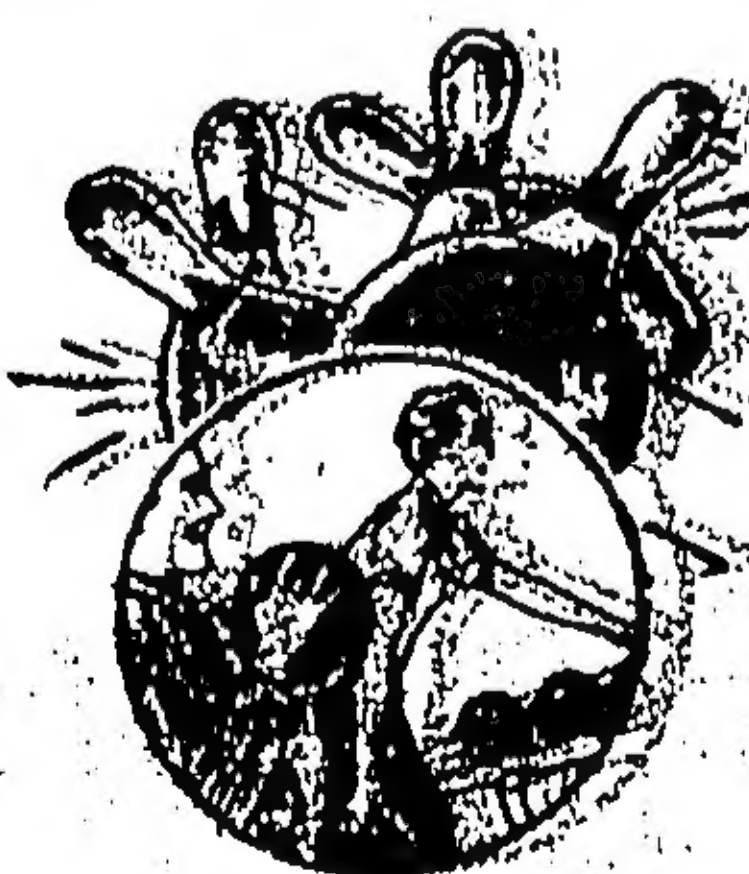
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Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KING'S COLLEGE	
Men's Junior Doubles	
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu	v E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho (7 p.m.)
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier	v J. Hooi and T. B. Tech (7.45 p.m.)
P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano	v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.)
Mixed Doubles	
E. Zimmern and Mrs. Zimmern	v P. Wong and Miss Ribetiro (9.15 p.m.)

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FIRPO'S WHITE HOPE

Tex Rickard once said to Louis Firpo, the man who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring in a never-to-be-forgotten scrap, "If you find a man of the build of Dempsey, your punch, and a small chin, I will have an unbeatable champion."

Firpo now claims to have discovered a man with all these ring virtues, a farmhand named Able Cestax, who is 21.

"Cestax," says Louis, "punches twice as hard as I did. He is built like Dempsey, but has a longer reach."

There seems to be a big supply of these white hopes.

Half a dozen of these giant white hopes have been announced in the past few weeks, and only recently Jimmy Johnston said he was matching his latest find, 18st Abe Simon with Joe Louis.



THIS SEASON'S CLASSICS

Details of this season's substitute "classic" and other important races are as follows:

The New Derby and New Oaks are due to be run at Epsom on May 27, the New St. Leger at Doncaster on September 2, the New 2,000 Guineas and New 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 29, and the Gold Cup, the New St. James's Palace Stakes, the Queen Mary Stakes and the Coventry Stakes at Ascot on June 17.

But under the new powers of the Jockey Club, these races may be run on any course selected by the Stewards and on any date subsequent to and within 28 days of the advertised date.

FAMOUS JOCKEY

I hear Charlie Wood, wealthiest and most famous surviving jockey of the last century and Fred Archer's greatest rival, is ill at his Eastbourne home, writes a correspondent.

Charlie, who is 87, won the Derby three times (St. Blaise, St. Gatien, and Galtee More) and has had a more eventful and varied career than any other rider.

About 40 years ago, when he retired, he set up as a trainer. After a year or two he decided to give up the game and go in for building speculation. He sold his Jevington stables for £20,000.

A rich man when he left the saddle, he acquired fresh wealth by shrewd investments.

He has had between 30 and 40 shops damaged or destroyed by bombs.

For 20 years he has not visited a race meeting.

Conway's Post

Herman Conway, the West Ham goalkeeper, has been appointed A.R.P. officer for Burnley.

He held a post in one of the London districts as superintendent and now has returned to the place where he first made his name as a footballer.

Conway played for Burnley for five years before going South and no doubt, will soon be wearing their colours again.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

FOOTBALL

NO less than 15 Soccer League games were played on Saturday and results were more or less as expected, though Eastern were given a fright by the lowly-placed Club, and only won by the odd goal in five.

St. Joseph's were beaten in the last minute by Navy.

In Second Division, Royal Engineers remain at the head of the table through their win over 30th R.A., while in Third Division, Ar Force did well to beat 20th R.A. by 6 goals to 1 after being in arrears at the interval.

RUGBY

AT Boundary, Street, Combined Services drew with Combined Club and Police in a friendly Rugby match when they scored a goal and a try (8 points) to a goal

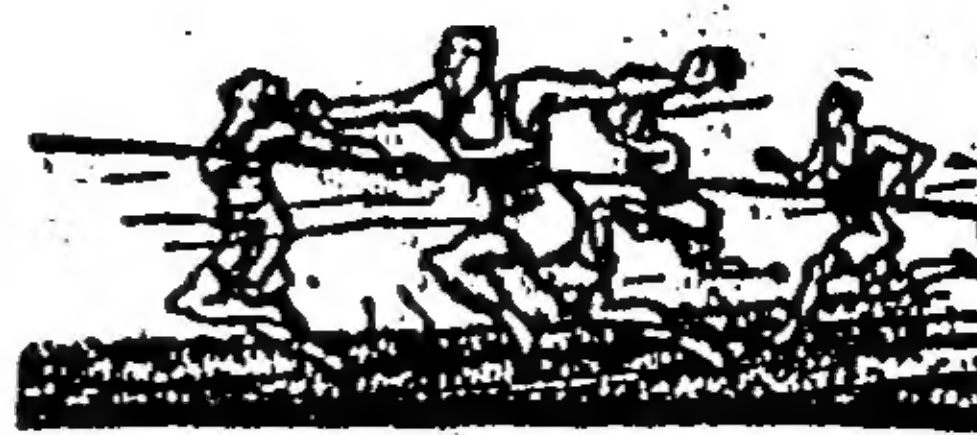


and a try (8 points) after being led at the interval by 5 points.

Combined Services "A" beat Combined Club and Police "A" by two goals and a try (13 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) after leading at the interval by 8-5. Keeble scored a try and converted two of the Services' tries.

CRICKET

ONLY one cricket match was played on Saturday, in Second Division between Recreation and Indian Recreation Club. The former won by 82 runs.



ATHLETICS

THREE Athletic Sports meetings were held on Saturday. At Causeway Bay the heavy ground prevented any good times being returned at the Queen's College sports but, on the whole, the standard was high.

At Pokfulam, Gegg equalled a 10-year-old record in the 100 yards event at the University Sports, while Mazuza was the individual champion.

Two new marks were set for the ladies' events when Miss Hajar Cureem broke the old record for the 50 yards and long jump events.

At Stanley, two records were broken at Stephen's College Sports, Kasetr winning the Small Boys' High Jump event, and a house relay team clipping off five seconds of the 400 Metres' relay record.

STOLEN HORSES USELESS

A broad hint that the stolen French racehorses and stud animals would bring no good to their new German owners was given by Lord Rosebery to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket recently.

Expressing the opinion that after we had won the war there would be an increasing demand for our thoroughbred stock, Lord Rosebery said France, so far as we knew, had lost the whole of hers and he pointed out that no one could enter an animal in the Stud Book without the authority of the owner and the approval of Messrs. Weatherby.

"Those people who have stolen the French horses," he added, "will not find them such a bargain as they thought."

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HITLER DEFIANT

Twelve hours after President Roosevelt had made his historic speech at the White House, correspondents' dinner, Hitler spoke at the Berlin War Museum, on the occasion of Germany's Memorial Day, again assuring his people of German victory during 1941 and saying that United States' help to Great Britain would not change the course of the war.

Hitler said: "No power in the world will change the outcome of the war. The German war machine is today the strongest in the world and England will fall in 1941, either through land sea or air." International News Service.

CINEMA RACKET

A 23-year-old hawker, Cheung Tong, was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for a breach of the Public Entertainment Regulations.

According to Detective Sergeant H. B. Dewar, Chinese detective No. C450 was on duty in Des Voeux Road Central about 7.15 p.m. yesterday, when the accused approached him and offered him two 20-cent cinema tickets for 60 cents.

Two other Chinese were fined \$15 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., for a similar offence.

Thip were arrested while selling tickets outside the Oriental Theatre yesterday afternoon.

Inspector Portallion prosecuted.

BUT LOSSES ARE STILL BELOW TEN PER CENT.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE NAZI "BLACK-OUT" OF MOONLIGHT AIR LOSSES OVER BRITAIN UNTIL YESTERDAY REFLECTS THE SHOCK THE RECORD OF BRITISH FIGHTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS AND "OTHER DEVICES" HAS GIVEN THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND.

After admitting on Thursday the failure of six aircraft to return the previous night, the German communique gave up the daily tally of its own losses.

Yesterday's Nazi communique countered the British claim that 27 German bombers were destroyed while the moon was up from Wednesday night onwards with an admission that 21 were lost in that period.

For two days the German public has been kept in ignorance whether their bombers have "returned safely" or not, and had to be content with exaggerated British losses.

The early closing of Saturday night's raid on Britain was not due to a German desire to avoid the moon, which rose shortly before the attack ended.

Fog, which threatened to blanket out the whole Continental bases, limited the length and scale of the raid.

Nazi Losses

Proportionate German losses last week were under 10 per cent and not at least until that percentage is reached is it likely that night operations of the Luftwaffe will seriously be affected.

Nazi operations by daylight have taken on a different emphasis.

Air Ministry communique, which have "nothing to report," underline the inability of Nazi planes to penetrate far inland over Britain with the R.A.F. in "mastery of the daylight air" over land.

Daylight attacks on shipping, with which the night hammering of ports is linked against the background of the Battle of the Atlantic, may be expected to increase as the weather improves.

Tonnage Figures

In the absence of particulars in the weekly Admiralty releases of tonnage sunk it will not be easy to follow the measure of their success.

Counterblows against enemy shipping by Coastal Command bombers are also increasing, and the defensive arm of the Command is being lengthened and thickened.

The Beau fighter, the R.A.F.'s newest night hawk, is also to be used for long-range operations, the Air Ministry revealed.—Reuter.

HUGE BRITISH ARMY REPORTED ASSEMBLED IN GREECE

(Continued from Page 1)

troops landing at Greek ports at the rate of more than ten thousand daily.

THEY INCLUDE MECHANISED AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN DIVISIONS.

Some of the troops are fresh to action; others are from the Battle of Cyrenaica; some have come from Palestine and India.

First Line Of Defence

Fifty thousand are already moving up to strengthen the British Expeditionary Force in Thrace; bringing its strength up to 200,000 men, forming the first line of defence for Greece and Salonika.

The remaining 100,000 first-line troops, says the Belgrade message, still quoting Istanbul as authority, are being sent up to other parts of Greece in reserve.

The rumours also credit the British with contemplating the opening of full-scale offensive action against the German Army in Bulgaria. — International News Service.

NEW BANKING HOURS IN HONG KONG

New hours for exchange banks in the Colony have been announced.

Commencing tomorrow, banks will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CEREMONY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WAS OBSERVED IN CUSTOMARY MANNER AT NOON TO-DAY WHEN IRISHMEN GATHERED AT THE CENOTAPH AND THE PRESIDENT OF ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, MR. C. E. M. TERRY, PLACED A WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE.

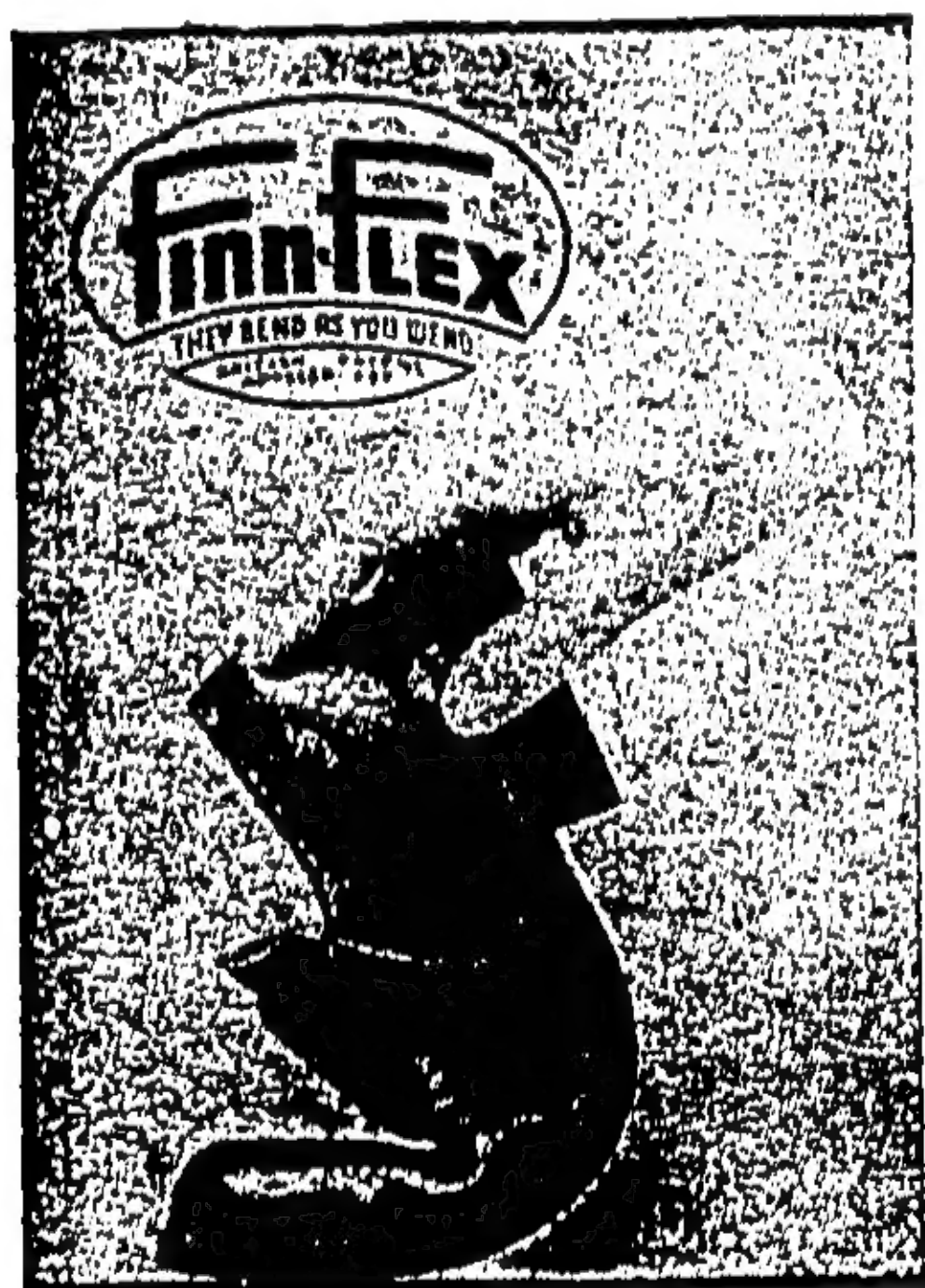
Among those also present were: Mr. J. O'Donovan (Vice-President) Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Lieut. Comm. J. C. M. Grenham, Messrs. B.H.C. Hollowes, D. J. S. Crozier, R. J. Minnett, W. O'Neill, F. Kernaghan, J. D. Murphy, T. Shanks, Surgeon Lieut. Comm. J. A. Page, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, Messrs. P. Fitzpatrick, G. N. Davitt, H. H. Guinness and E. R. Fowles.

STOP PRESS

A high jump in Cholera was registered over the week-end when 89 cases were reported, 80 coming from Victoria, eight from Kowloon and one from Shauiwan.

This brings the total since the beginning of the year to 204 cases.

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